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California: Bargain Education

■ State's colleges rank highest for the most affordable.

BY JACQUI BROWN
STAFF WRITER

California and Virginia recently experienced the largest percentage increases in tuition and yet both these states remain the least expensive places to get a community college education in the nation, according to the latest statistics from the American Association of Community Colleges.

"I think it's pretty expensive," said Valley student Origen Stoker who works part time to pay his way through school. "Tuition, health fees, parking passes and books — it all adds up."

In California, tuition increased 60.3 percent. Doubling that amount would still leave California tuition rates at the very bottom of the chain.

Tuition and fee increases stayed below 10 percent in half the states, with two states not raising tuition at all. California's increase implemented by the

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Workshop Provides Tools for Success

■ Students introduced to resources for career planning.

BY SUSAN MALTBY
STAFF WRITER

Valley College counselor Barbara Goldberg conducted a career inventory workshop on campus on Thursday in FL 106. The "Career Inventory — Self Directed Search" seminar is designed to help students choose an academic major and evaluate career goals.

"I already have an idea of what I want to do," psychology student Jamie Agishera said; "I just want to make sure I'm making the right decision."

The workshop served as an introduction to the Career Transfer Center and included an assessment test for students to measure their aptitude and suitability for certain vocations.

Students who may be unsure of their interests or the degree required for a chosen goal can benefit from several programs available at Valley.

"The Career Transfer Center is the best kept secret on campus," Goldberg said. She invited students to drop by the office, which is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on

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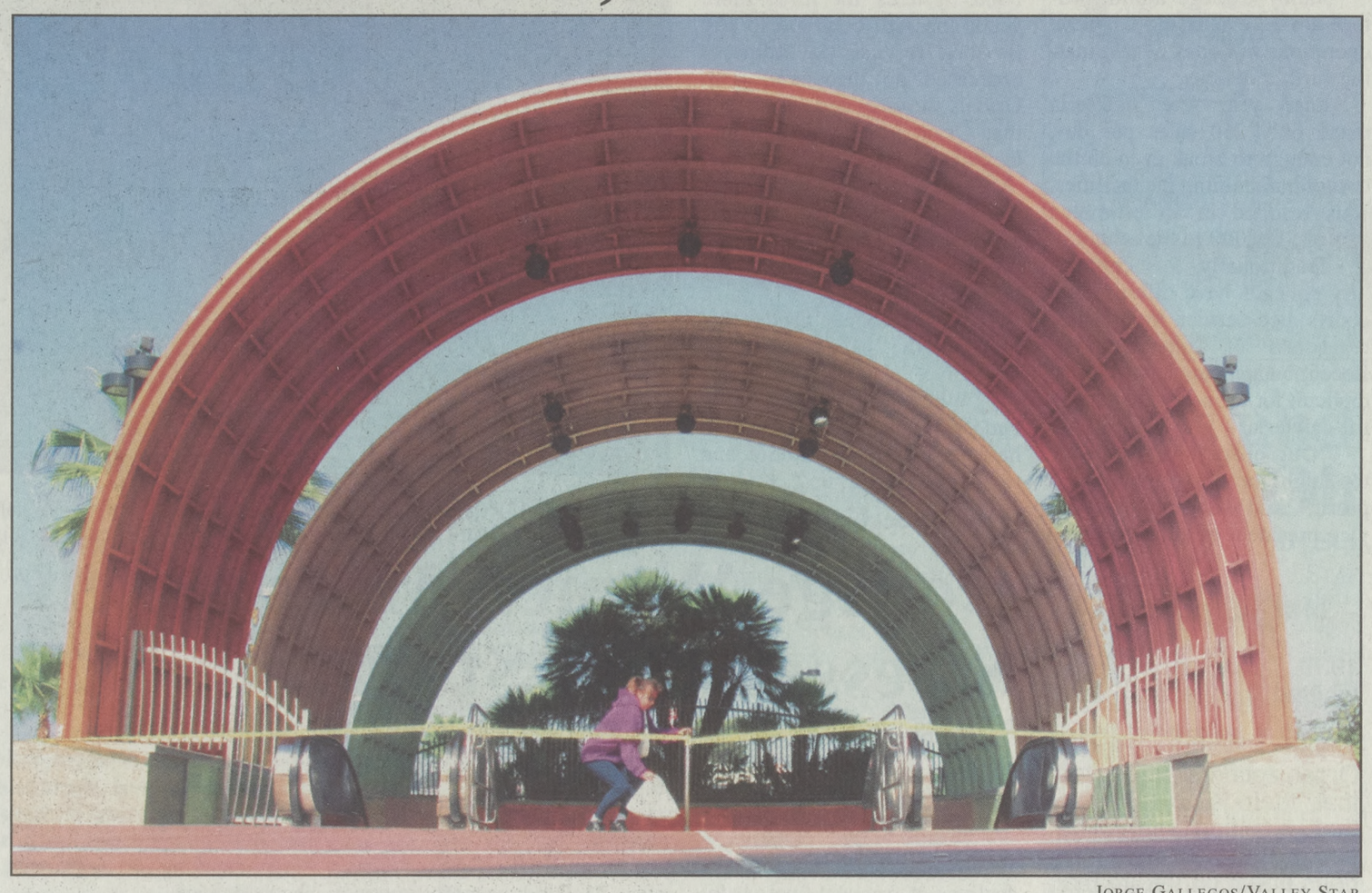
MTA Strikes, Leaves Riders Stranded



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SURPRISED - Leticia Gutierrez enters the North Hollywood Red Line station, trying to find out how she is going to get to work. The station is closed due to a strike called by MTA mechanics Tuesday, which is predicted to prevent many people from getting to their jobs.

■ Valley College impacted by MTA mechanics strike; subways empty.

BY TIFFANY FARMAKIS, SUSAN MALTBY AND PHILLIP ROBERTSON
STAFF WRITERS

Members of the Valley College community joined thousands of Southland commuters looking for alternate modes of transportation as the second strike in three years shuts down Metropolitan Transit Authority rail and bus lines yesterday.

Mechanics from the Amalgamated Transit Union walked off the job at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday after talks between the two sides failed to produce a contract agreement Sunday.

Many students have found themselves scrambling for alternate means of getting to school, work and home. Photography student Denise Mendez takes three busses to get to her job at a photography studio in Porter Ranch. When the strike hit, she found herself without a way to get home. "The bus I take only runs once an hour, Mendez said. "It was scary being stranded in the dark last night."

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MTA Transportation Information

Metro Bus and Metro Rail passengers who have purchased monthly, semi-monthly or weekly passes for October should retain those passes until the strike has ended. MTA will announce at a later date a plan to credit passholders for the days on which bus and rail service was not available. Commuters can find alternate modes of transportation by calling 1-800-COMMUTE or logging onto www.ridematch.info.

Former Lifeguard Arrested for Rape

■ Pool masturbater being held on $1.36 million bail in case dating back to 2001.

BY JACQUI BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Police arrested a suspect in a two-year-old rape case at Pierce College earlier this month. The suspect was charged for a previous incident of indecent exposure at the Valley college pool during the summer.

Pablo Lopez, 24, was taken into custody by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles Police Department after DNA tests linked him to the crime, police said.

"Mr. Lopez has several prior indecent exposure arrests," Sheriff's Department Detective Steve Gutierrez said. "We believe more people will come forward now because not everyone reports a sexual assault, they're embarrassed."

The 47-year-old victim, a Pierce student on break from class, was sexually assaulted at gunpoint in the women's restroom in Pierce's life sciences building in January 2001. Lopez, who was employed as a lifeguard at the college's community pool at the time, was apparently lying in wait in one of the bathroom stalls when the victim entered, according to police.

Lopez had previously been arrested in August on charges of lewd conduct and indecent exposure for an incident at Pierce. Police took possession of a laptop computer as evidence after searching the suspect's car. Lopez was later released because the witness was reluctant to cooperate with authorities, but later decided to cooperate with the prosecutor.

Gutierrez, who had possession of the suspect's computer as part of the ongoing investigation, had Lopez come to the Valley Campus Sheriff's

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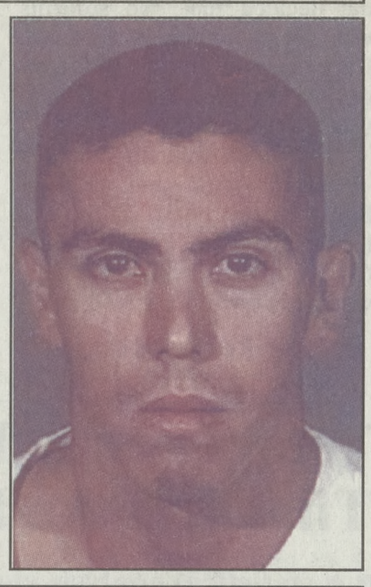

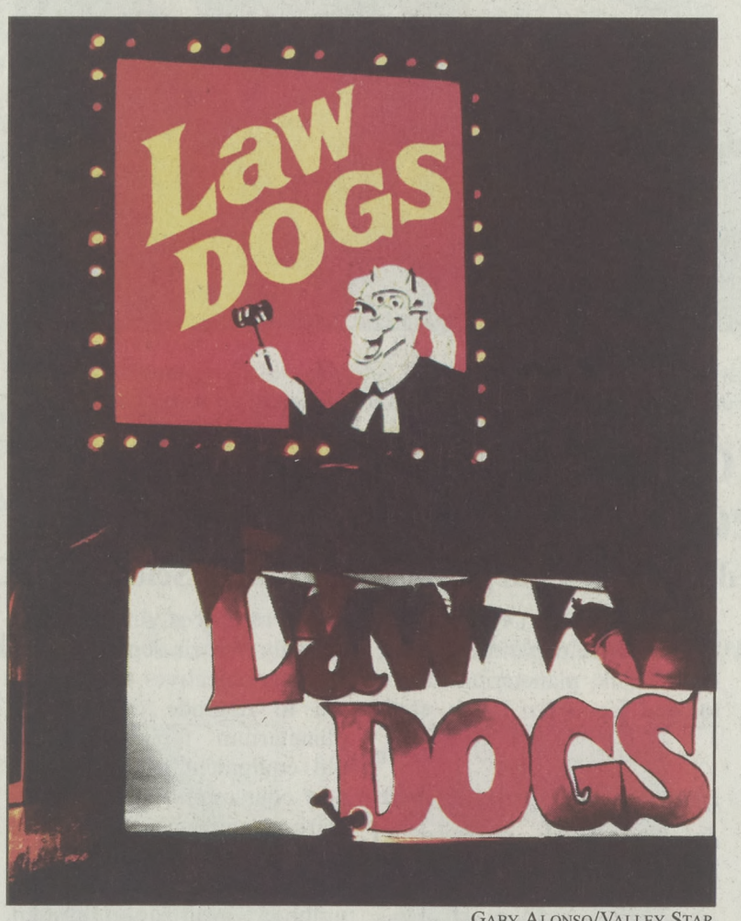

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LAW DOGS - On the corner of Hazeltine and Sherman Way, people visit Law Dogs, a hot dog stand where you can eat and get legal advice, Wednesday nights. *see page 4*

Striking Workers Picket Stores, Shoppers Urged Not to Buy

■ Union members protest companies plans to reduce wages and benefits.

BY PHILLIP ROBERTSON
NEWS EDITOR

Thousands of grocery store employees continue walking picket lines in front of supermarkets throughout the state over a contract dispute with the management companies of Albertson's, Von's and Ralph's.

The United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 1442 argues that the companies plan to decrease members' health benefits and wages. The market chains state that the large number of competitors entering the Southern California market will provide lower wages and fewer benefits. The market chains must make the cuts in order to stay competitive. One of the largest

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LOCKED OUT- UFCW member Orquidea Ruguma walks the picket lines at a San Fernando Valley super market urging customers to shop else where.

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NEWS REEL

UNITED NATIONS:
The United Nations Security Council unanimously approved a plan Monday to expand NATO troop support outside of the capital city of Kabul. The action came following a request by Afgan President Hamid Karzai to increase troop deployment into regions previously outside of governmental influence.

RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE:
Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) formally announced Monday that he is a candidate for the democrating presidential nomination. The four-term congressman has been an outspoken critic of President Bush's policy in Iraq.

TIMETABLE FOR IRAQ:
Great Britian and Spain joined the United States in submitting a draft proposal to give the Iraqi governing council until Dec. 15 to set a timeline for conducting elections and for writing a new constitution.

Cafeteria Works to Break Even

■ **College looks to more profitable ideas.**

By Tiffany Farmakis
Staff Writer

Valley College administrators are re-evaluating cafeteria operations in hopes of eliminating further deficits.

Last year the cafeteria made only 250 sales per day, not enough to break even on the cost of maintaining the facilities. This resulted in an estimated loss of $140,000 to the school.

Traditionally, community colleges have offered food courts as a service to students, regardless of financial loss. Recent budget cuts have made it difficult for the school to sustain the cafeteria.

"Our operational costs are too high for us to maintain a profit," said Tom Jacobsmeyer, vice president of administrative services.

Despite this, Valley is locked in a contract with Orion Food Systems for three more years and will continue to pay for their services. Jacobsmeyer expressed no discontent with Orion's service and concluded that Orion is not the problem, lack of sales is.

"It's not that busy," Katherine Berumen, a customer service representative for Smash Subs said. "We need more customers."

Some students argue that food at the cafeteria is too expensive.

"When you're on a tight budget, you can't afford the food here, especially with tuition and textbooks going up," English

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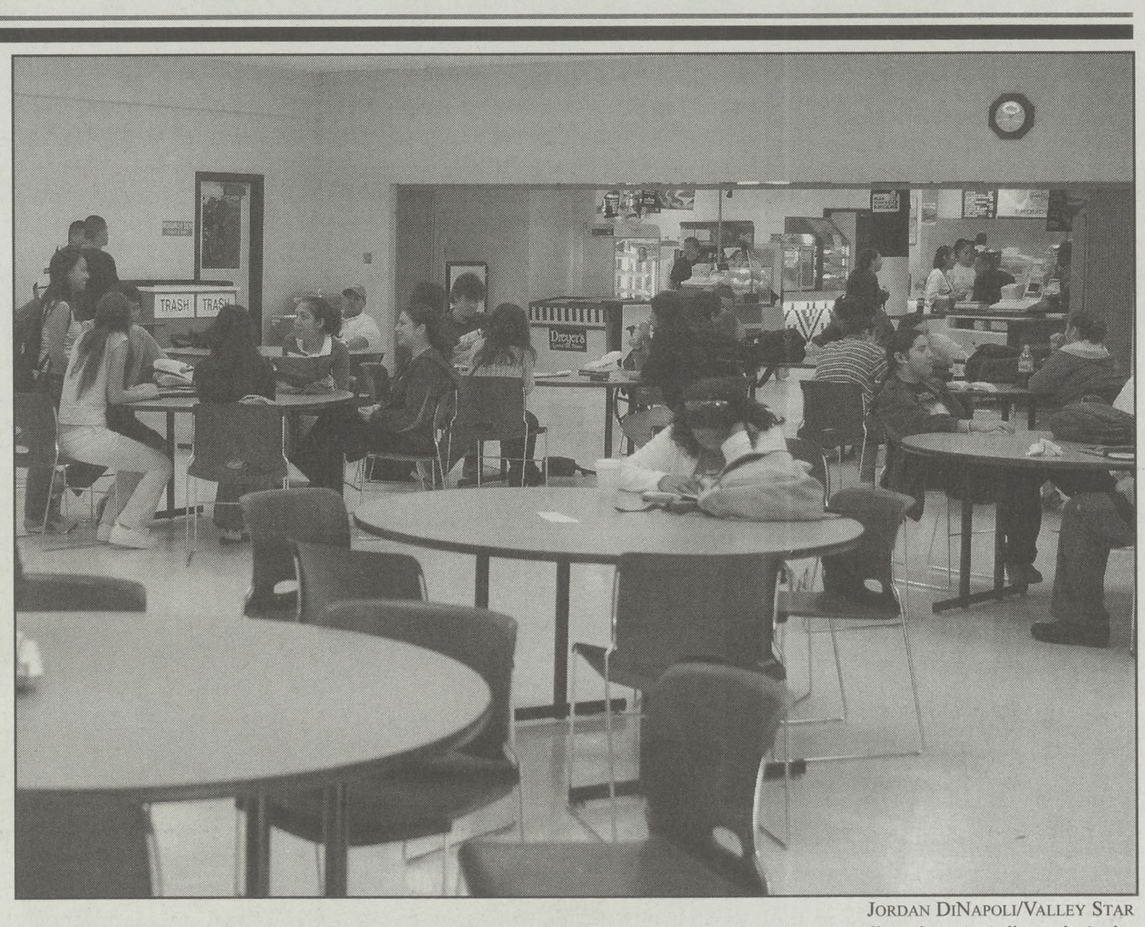

Jordan DiNapoli/Valley Star

HUNGRY MONARCHS- Students crowd themselves inside Valley's cafeteria, spending time to talk and study. Campus administrators are struggling with the costs of the cafeteria's upkeep plan.

Pot Lecture Goes Up in Smoke

■ **Students fail to attend informational session about marijuana.**

By Harriett Steinberg
Staff Writer

A lecture to discuss facts and myths of marijuana was cancelled when few people attended Oct. 8.

Sgt. Eric Hartman of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department came to direct the meeting in the fireside room, but decided that two students was not enough hold a forum. Hartman said that he would be glad to come out again if there was a larger turnout.

Only two students attended — Keith Aritin and Robert Fine. Aritin knew about the lecture because his sociology teacher told the class that they would get credit for attending. "I

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Marijuana Facts

1937- marijuana prohibitted by federal law.

1998- World Health Organization study states that "there is no evidence that smoking marijuana exerts a permanent deleterious effect on the normal cardiovascular system.

The National Commission on Drug Abuse states that no loss of human life in the United States have resulted soley from the use of marijuana.

2003- According to an article in the January 22/29 issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association , individuals who used marijuana before age 17 were more likely to use other drugs, abuse drugs, or become dependent on alcohol or other drugs.

College Women More Likely Stressed Out, Study Shows

■ **Stress and depression levels decline, but gender gap remains.**

By Susan Maltby
Staff Writer

Twenty-eight percent of freshman college students report feelings of frequent overwhelming stress, according to statistics from UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute. This is down from a high of 30.7 percent in 1999.

"The biology class I was taking wanted us to read seven chapters for the test in less than two weeks and the books weren't even in the bookstore," said Sylvia Grate, journalism major. "I ended up dropping the class because there was too much to do and I didn't have enough help."

The study shows significant differences in stress levels between men and women. Women are more than twice as likely to report stress. Overwhelming stress was reported by only 16.4 percent of men compared to 35.2 percent of women.

Depression levels have also declined recently among students. Levels of depression among college students dropped for the last four consecutive years, reaching a current record low of 7.5 percent. Depression also seems to be hitting women harder with 8.1 percent of women reporting feeling depressed versus 5.8 percent of men.

The gender gaps between men's and women's stress and depression levels are likely due to traditional social norms, said Barbara Goldberg, Valley counselor.

"Women have always been more likely to recognize that they're experiencing difficulties, talk to someone and reach out for help. Men are less likely to say that they are having a problem but stress and depression may cause them to exhibit negative behaviors instead, such as binge drinking or aggression," she explained.

The Jed Foundation, an organization dedicated to reducing suicide on college campuses sponsors a website called ulifeline.org. Through the anonymous resource students can screen themselves for a number of psychological problems and find helpful and positive ways to reach out for help. The service is free and currently available to more than 740,000 students nation wide.

Valley has scheduled a seminar for student stress management. "Stress Management: Coping with Academic and Personal Stress" will be held on Oct. 22 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in CC104.

Total Recall: The Landslide That Was And Wasn't

■ **A statistical analysis yields surprising results.**

By Michael Ordoña and Phillip Robertson
Staff Writers

Arnold Schwarzenegger's triumph in the recall election has been widely reported as an overwhelming mandate by the people. After all, he topped the runner-up, Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, by 17 points, while voters threw Gray Davis out of office by a decisive 55 to 45 percent margin.

However, analysis of final election data shows that the vote count for Schwarzenegger was surprisingly close to the total cast to retain Davis. The margin between those selecting Schwarzenegger and those voting 'No' on the recall was about 180,000 in the actor's favor, in a state of 35 million people.

Also, the total number of people who voted to keep Davis in office (3,559,436) actually exceeded the number who voted to re-elect him in 2002 (3,533,490).

The voters' will was unquestionably done, however, as nearly 1 million more opted to terminate Davis' run as Governor than opposed his recall.

Disdain for the incumbent stretched across all demographics and, fatally for Davis, political parties.

According to Fox News exit polls, 88 percent of Republicans

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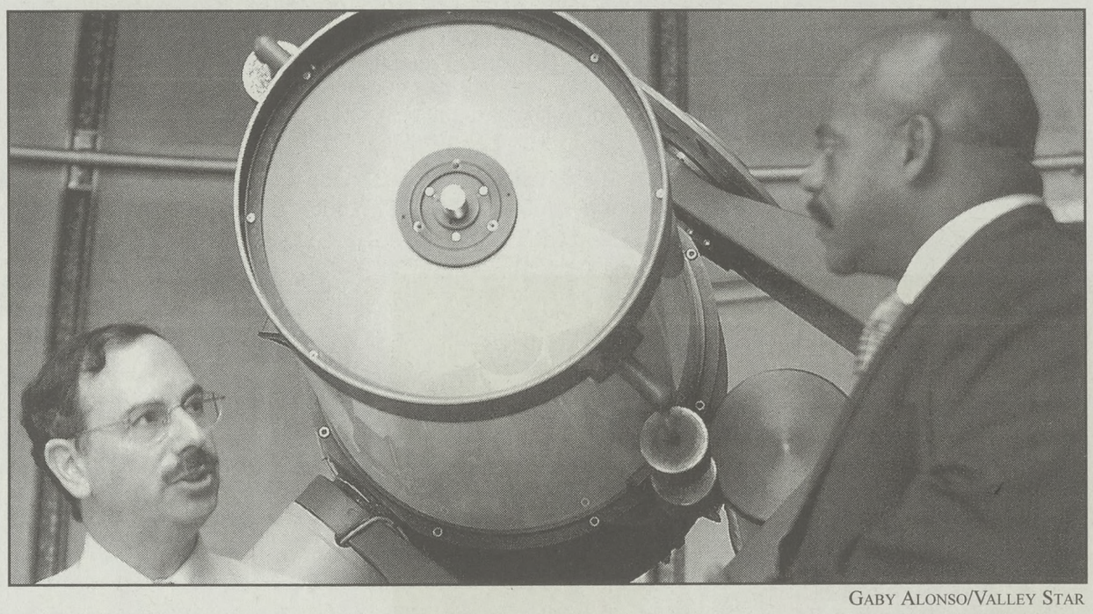
Final Voting Totals for the Top 10 Replacement Candidates source: Secretary of State, California

Arnold Schwarzenegger	Rep	3,744,902	48.7
Cruz M. Bustamante	Dem	2,434,776	31.7
Tom McClintock	Rep	1,027,031	13.4
Peter Miguel Camejo	Grn	213,101	2.8
Arianna Huffington	Ind	42,604	0.6
Peter V. Ueberroth	Rep	22,240	0.3
Larry Flynt	Dem	15,469	0.3
Gary Coleman	Ind	12,691	0.2
George B. Schwartzman	Ind	10,949	0.2
Mary Cook	Ind	10,115	0.2

Final Voting Totals for the Recall Question
source: Secretary of State, California

Yes	4,417,363	55.4
No	3,562,894	44.6



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NASA GRANT- David Falk, planetarium director (l), speaks with Gil Knowles, NASA representative from the United Negro College Special Fund Program during Tuesday's grant presentation ceremony.

NASA Awards Scientific Grant for Minority Recruitment to Program

■ **$300,000 grant presented to Valley College Tuesday to Earth Science Dept.**

By Jacqui Brown
Staff Writer

NASA representative Gil Knowles, from the United Negro College Special Fund Program in Washington presented Valley College's Earth Sciences department with the Curriculum Improvement Partnership Award grant in the amount of $300,000.

"This award is directly geared to minority serving institutions," Knowles said. "We are focusing on Hispanic, historically black and tribal colleges and universities in order to revitalize the pipeline of minority scientists and mathematicians that we currently lack."

Grant-writers Don Gauthier, earth science department chair, David Falk, planetarium director and Jacquelyn Hams, earth sciences instructor, worked for nearly three months to collect the information needed to make this a win-win situation for the college, they said.

"The ultimate goal of this program is to reach the local schools."

"Had it not been for that intensive faculty commitment this grant wouldn't have happened," said Valley College President Tyree Wieder. "I know they are very pleased because now they have additional resources directed specifically to their department."

The objectives of the grant are to upgrade the existing planetarium facility, replace old equipment, to create two new courses and develop planetarium and science presentation courses using NASA's imagery and the new full-dome graphic visualization system, the Sci-Dome.

"The ultimate goal of this program is to reach the local schools, K-12, and bring those students on board to show them the different opportunities in the earth science program at Valley," Gauthier said. "This is a way to catch peoples minds."

The lesson plans for this

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Opinion

One Way or Another

Each week, The Valley Star examines an issue from two sides.

This week: Columnist **Robert Novak** sparked a controversy by revealing the name of an undercover CIA operative in an article. Novak wrote that her identity was leaked to him by "two senior administration officials." The leakers' actions may constitute a felony, and may have been in retaliation against the agent's husband, a critic of the administration. The CIA has called for a formal investigation.

Should Novak Reveal the Source of the Leak?

Loose Lips Sink National Security

By Michael Ordoña
Opinion Editor

One of the keystones of journalism is the sanctity of reporter-source confidentiality. How could whistle-blowers such as Deep Throat have come forward if they thought their identities would be betrayed as soon as the heat was on?

But whoever leaked the name of an undercover CIA operative is no Deep Throat.

It's widely speculated that the reason the operative's name was revealed was to retaliate against the agent's husband, former ambassador Joseph Wilson. Wilson served on the CIA team that investigated claims that Saddam Hussein was trying to obtain yellowcake uranium from Niger. The Bush Administration ignored their report debunking the claim and used the uranium charge as part of its case for war; Wilson denounced this claim in The New York Times.

A week later, his wife's name was in the press.

"Two senior administration officials told me Wilson's wife [the CIA operative] suggested sending him to Niger," Novak wrote, as if to throw doubt on the team's findings — and printed her name.

That's more than dirty politics and dangerously irresponsible journalism — it may be treason.

Wilson's wife was a NOC, a nonofficial cover operative. If she were caught, the CIA would disavow her. She would be subject to arrest, imprisonment and possibly execution. Now all of her contacts may be in danger. It is no exaggeration to say that national security has been compromised by this apparent revenge scheme.

"[Novak's] entire intent was…to intimidate, to suggest that there was some impropriety," former CIA agent Larry Johnson said on the News Hour. "This was…a political attack."

Congressional leaders from both parties are demanding to know who leaked her identity. Novak refuses to answer, citing confidentiality.

For Novak to hide behind confidentiality is disingenuous. There is no law providing reporters with special dispensation to flout national security. Many journalists have gone to jail for refusing to reveal sources, so there is ample precedent for prosecution.

Legal expert Stuart Levine wrote, "Once the disclosure has become de-legitimatized as a tactic to advance some broader public policy goal, a journalist should feel no compulsion [to honor] the confidentiality pledge."

And no less an authority on Deep Throat than Carl Bernstein called for Novak to reveal his source, saying Novak was an ideologue who "allowed himself to be used."

The situation is analogous to a priest learning in confession that someone intended to commit murder: Action is required.

Silence Is Golden

By Phillip Roberston
News Editor

Chicago Sun-Times columnist Robert Novak's refusal to reveal his sources for his July article illustrates the highest ideals of a free press as our founding fathers envisioned.

The controversy stems from Novak revealing the name of the wife of former Ambassador Joseph Wilson. Wilson was sent to Niger by the CIA prior to the State of the Union address to investigate the allegations that Saddam Hussein purchased yellowcake uranium for use in the manufacture of nuclear weapons.

Democrats have been looking to crucify Bush.

Wilson then wrote an op-ed piece in The New York Times critical of President Bush's reasons to go to war with Iraq. It is alleged that this criticism sparked outrage within the administration that led to Novak being contacted and told that Wilson's wife was a CIA operative.

The current controversy is politically motivated. The Democrats have been looking for something to crucify the Bush Administration with and have been unsuccessful in the shadow of 9/11.

Since Novak revealed her identity, many journalists have used her name in articles. No one is claiming that these writers are irresponsible.

In the '70s, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein of The Washington Post broke the story that eventually evolved into the Watergate scandal that brought down the Nixon Administration. One of the major sources for their work was a mysterious character named Deep Throat, whom the journalistic duo has refused to name. They have said that the identity of Deep Throat will not be revealed until after his/her death.

The two journalists have made quite a living by keeping the Deep Throat story alive. Watergate serves as a strong precedent for Novak to refuse to reveal his source.

A criminal investigation into the unlawful leaking of the CIA operative's name will ensue. Bush has ordered White House staffers to save all documents pertaining to Novak, the ambassador and his wife for the investigation.

It is not the responsibility of the reporter to provide the information to the Justice Department. A reporter's job is to report the news, not be the news. In this case Novak has become the news, which is unfortunate.

Novak cannot be forced to reveal his source. While a court may order him to do so, he can refuse and face jail time. Certainly, the ability to continue the story beyond its normal life can serve as a tantalizing reason for Novak to go to jail. If it comes to that, then bravo to a courageous reporter.

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STOP WHINING! YOU CALIFORNIANS ARE SOFT! YOU LACK DISCIPLINE! WELL I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, YOU ARE MINE NOW! YOU BELONG TO ME!
UMM... ARNOLD.
GOV. AHNOLD

Illustration by Tiffany Farmakis / Valley Star

Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!

By Susan Maltby
Staff Writer

Recent tragic animal attacks should spur humans to adopt a healthy respect for nature's wild creatures. Animal "lovers" must evaluate their motives when they attempt to interfere with lions, tigers or bears.

Antoine Yates was attacked in his New York apartment by a Bengal-Siberian tiger that he was keeping as a pet. They are Bengal-Siberian tigers, not New York apartment tigers. A love of tigers isn't love unless it includes a respect for their natural habitat. They have fundamental survival instincts necessary for life in the wild. The idea that tummy scratching, bottle-feeding and human cuddling will convince one that he's a house-cat is absurd.

"I want my cat back," Yates declared outside Manhattan Criminal Court. "I love you, Ming!"

Ah, if he only had a brain. Yates' "love" is really blatant disrespect of the animal's natural genetic makeup.

The bodies of Timothy Treadwell and Amie Huguenard, both of Malibu, were discovered earlier this month in Alaska's Katmai National Park and Preserve. Treadwell was a self-proclaimed bear expert who dedicated himself to up-close and personal interaction with wild grizzlies. He co-authored the book "Among Grizzlies: Living With Wild Bears In Alaska."

Park officials were forced to kill two grizzlies in order to access the remains of the couple. They were victims of the first known maulings in the 4.7-million-acre park.

If he only had a heart, Treadwell wouldn't have camped next to the grizzly feeding stream and put the bears in fatal danger.

Roy Horn of Siegfried & Roy suffered a critical neck injury during a recent performance. As he was being transported to a Las Vegas hospital, he managed to urge his stage crew "not to harm the tiger." Weren't the showmen harming them by rendering them behaviorally crippled and unable to survive in the wild?

If only Roy had the courage to perform without using majestic wild animals as his gimmick.

These tragedies are not "accidents." They are the natural and inevitable result of a dangerous lack of insight and understanding. The ignorant assumption that wild animals appreciate any type of interaction with humans is foolish and childish.

Misguided wild animal enthusiasts who refuse to observe a simple and obvious respect for nature should consider adopting some pet Anthrax microbes to "love." They are the cutest little creatures once you get to know them.

If you love something set it free. If you truly love animals you will work toward preservation of natural habitats and the protection of endangered species.

For all wild animals, there is no place like home.

When Cancer Knocks

By Jacqui Brown
Staff Writer

There is no doubt – cancer sucks.

Ask anyone who's been there. No matter how old or young you are, no matter what type you contract or how serious the case, it messes with the natural order of things. The plans you set sail with as an adolescent, the beliefs you had steadfastly put all your credence in — the thinking that you could endure anything that came your way — it all vanishes when cancer knocks at your door.

Various studies show that it's genetic; others claim it's environmental. Sometimes, it's just plain old bad luck. Some states claim higher cancer rates than others, as do some countries, cities and neighborhoods. Too many oil fields, chemicals in the water, cars on the road — the list is endless, but the one constant is that cancer rates are on the rise.

So what do you do? Move your family to the countryside or sit paralyzed with fear, wondering whether a bus will hit you before a genetic inheritance reaches out and sucks you into the abyss?

Or do you find the courage to pick up the phone and make a doctor's appointment?

Be pro-active when diseases run in the family or environmental studies show that there is a problem. People need to keep up on medical maintenance when it's available, or, God forbid, perish.

One can only bury one's head in the sand for so long before life catches up.

Face the facts. Cancer happens.

The disease strikes millions each year, according to the American Cancer Society. Do the homework and educate yourself as to what the risks are. Ignorance is only bliss until it's too late.

Whether it's age, race or heredity, both men and women need to step up to the plate in this era of advanced technology and take control while it's still possible, when early detection is still the best way to fight.

If you don't take the initiative for your own health, who will?

This is breast cancer awareness month. One test can literally save your life. Get a mammogram. This is no longer only a female disease; both men and women need to do self-exams. In addition to approximately 39,800 women, more than 400 men will die in 2003 from breast cancer, according to the American Cancer Society.

Do yourself a favor before you tuck yourself into bed tonight. Take your left arm and raise it over your head. Take your right hand, place it on your left breast and rotate gently, then repeat on the other side.

It might not be your idea of foreplay, but this self-exam could just save your life.

For information on free or low-cost mammograms, call the American Cancer Society at 1 (800) 227-2345 or visit their website at www.cancer.org.

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Letter to the Editor

Re: "Should You Vote For a Candidate You Know Won't Win?" (Opinion, Sept. 24), having to choose between the candidate "who can't win" and the one who can is antithetical to the democratic process. If we hope to succeed in encouraging broad voter participation we need to make such a distinction irrelevant.

Instant runoff voting (IRV) eliminates the spoiler vote. It also ensures that a candidate is supported by a majority (50 percent or more) of the electorate.

Voters cast their ballots by indicating their preferences in numerical order. If one is liberal and believes Cruz Bustamante is alright, but likes Peter Camejo more, and Arianna Huffington even better, then one would cast a "1" for Ms. Huffington, "2" for Mr. Camejo, and a "3" for Mr. Bustamante.

If one likes Tom McClintock, but wants to ensure a Republican becomes governor, then that person would cast a "1" for Mr. McClintock and a "2" for Mr. Schwarzenegger.

All the "1" votes are then counted and if a candidate gets 50 percent or more of the vote, he or she is declared the winner. If not, the candidate receiving the least number of "1" votes is eliminated. Those ballots listing the eliminated candidate as a first choice are then credited to their second choice.

Again, if a candidate has majority support that candidate is the winner. If not, the process repeats itself, each repetition eliminating one candidate until the one with the broadest support is determined.

With IRV there are no wasted votes and no spoilers.

The majority chooses the winner. Under IRV, candidates must build broad support across the political spectrum. It requires a candidate to speak to the concerns of all voters, not just those of his or her constituency.

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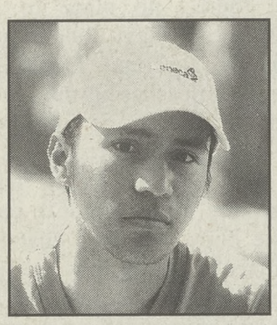
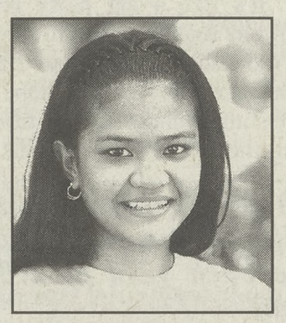
*Campus*View

How has cancer touched your life?

Photos by Jordan DiNapoli

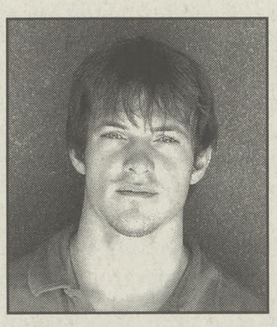


"I had relatives lose their lives in Nicaragua. In a third-world country, cancer is a death sentence. There is no treatment."
Memo Cano



"My uncle has cancer, my mother was just diagnosed with cancer, and all I can think is, 'Why them, the people I care about?'"
Kristen Esteban

"Cancer has touched my life but I am lucky not to have lost anybody."
Melanie Gurian



"My grandmother died before I was born. I just wish I'd had a chance to meet her."
John Sroka

Valley Life

Campus Scene

Wednesday October 15

Homecoming
Monarch Square
Pep Rally, 9:30 a.m.
Picnic,
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Campus clubs will be selling refreshments. The Broadcasting Club and Valley alumni will provide music. Students can vote for Homecoming Court during the pep rally. Winners will be announced during the halftime show at the football game. The game will start at 1:00 p.m.

Sukkot Celebration
Monarch Square
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Please bring canned food for SOVA food drive.

Thursday, October 16

Chris Ho, Jazz
Music Recital Hall
11:30 a.m.

"How to Raise Emotionally Healthy Children"
Dr. Gerald Newmark-Speaker
Monarch Hall
7:00 p.m.

Friday October 17

"The Dinosaur Chronicles"
Planetarium
8:00 p.m.
Admission Charge

Saturday October 18

Meet The Pros
Film Industry Pros
Offers Advice
Monarch Hall
8:00 a.m. Fireside Rm.

TRADITION IS DEAD

By Tammy Abbott
Valley Life Editor

Day of the Dead may sound frightening when translated to English, but when Ginette Rondeau says "Dia de Los Muertos," this 3,000-year-old tradition is nothing less than a celebration.

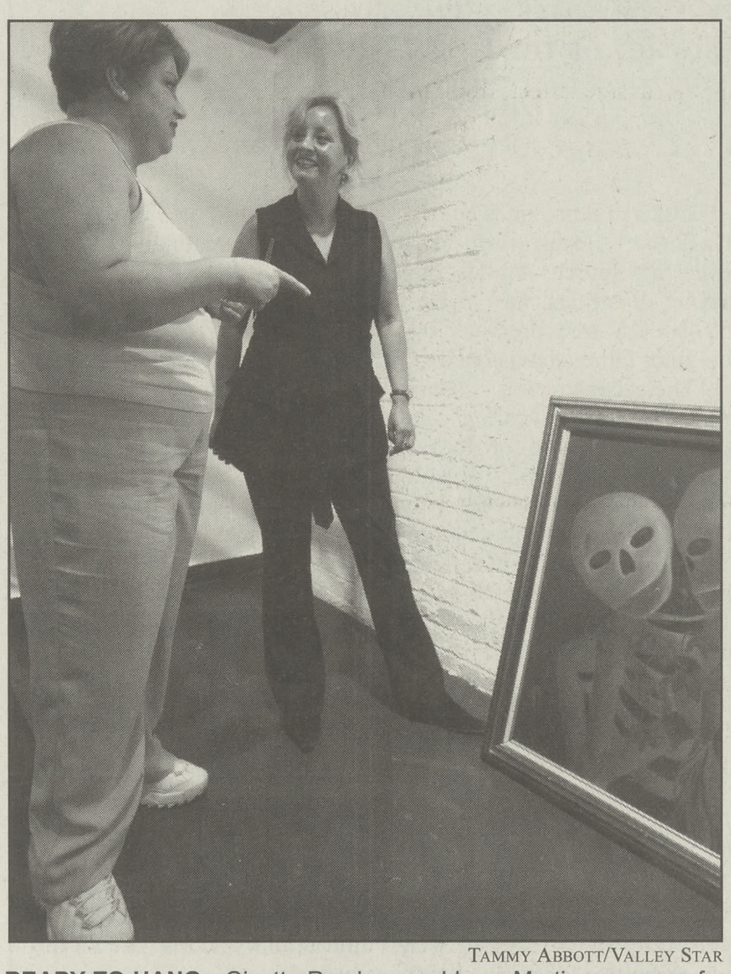
For the past 12 years, Rondeau has been the curator for the Dia de Los Muertos annual juried art exhibition at the El Pueblo Gallery on Olvera Street. The exhibit runs Oct. 17 through Nov.2 and is free to the public. The gallery will display altars, photographs and paintings.

One painting, "I Remember You As You Were," is the work of artist Lupe Martinez. Martinez, a Valley College student, was encouraged to participate while taking an art history class with Gena Levins. "I wanted to enter for a couple years now and this is the first year I had something that I could submit," Martinez said.

Santa Monica artist Joella March has participated in Rondeau's show for the past 10 years. Every year she creates an interactive sculpture for the visitors to help build. March calls them "living sculptures."

"I return every year because of Ginette's enthusiasm, and for the community," March said.

"As an American, I have so much access to knowledge. However, I find that in America we lack understanding and we are uneasy in speaking about death," Rondeau said. "As a Latina, my culture is unique because my ancestors have passed the torch of light, Dia de Los Muertos, to enrich the Latino culture so that the memories of our beloved are honored and remembered. Our children will be stronger for this and the legacy of those we have loved will now continue in all our hearts."



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READY TO HANG - Ginette Rondeau and Lupe Martinez prepare for the Art Exhibition at El Pueblo Gallery Olvera Street Oct. 17.

Rondeau has a rich family history that includes her birth in the Sepulveda House on Olvera Street and being raised in a family of five generations. Unfortunately after the Sylmar earthquake, her family had to relocate. Rondeau and her family remain devoted to Olvera Street and she continues to manage a small shop that caters to the tourists who visit Olvera Street, the oldest street in Los Angeles.

"Be proud to be American, honor your ancestors and be proud of your heritage," Rondeau said.

Rondeau is a full time business major at Valley College. She also runs and maintains the official Olvera Street web sit at www.olvera-street.com.

HOT DOG, GOOD ADVICE

Takes the bite out of your problems.

By Daniel Kane
Staff Writer

Lawyers are often referred to as sharks these days, people who are only out to make a buck, but in the San Fernando Valley Kim Pearman puts those perceptions to bed every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Pearman founded Law Dogs, a hot dog stand that gives free legal advice, in the early '80s. "We wanted a way to give back to the community," Pearman said. His son Robert, daughter Carol and a few other attorneys from their practice offer free legal advice from the back the stand located on Sherman Way and Hazeltine.

"We wanted a way to give back to the community."

It's obvious to anyone who visits Law Dogs between 6:30 and 9:30 on a Wednesday night that there's a need in the community for a place where someone can obtain free legal advice. "Do-it-yourselfers are what we mostly deal with," Robert Pearman said. "People who don't want to pay for an attorney and especially people who can't afford one need our help to settle mostly small claims. Once I had a couple here trying to get a divorce and they didn't know where to start."

At Law Dogs advice on which forms to get and how to fill them out is offered. The experienced team also defines legal terms for people who don't speak legalese.

Malik Lee, a broadcast major at Cal State Northridge, said he was harassed by the campus security at his school but didn't know what to do about it. After he saw a feature on television about Law Dogs he went online to find out more information and subsequently came to Law Dogs to get some advice.

"They showed me all the forms I needed to sue the school. I was given a lot of tips — self-help advice." Lee has been back more than five times. His case was dismissed and now he's come back to Law Dogs to work on the appeal. "They give good and quick advice here," Lee said.

With nearly six dozen people seeking advice every Wednesday, the advice is certainly quick, but it's by no means meager. "They know all the answers to my questions and know all the questions I should be asking," Lee said, "they've just been above and beyond."

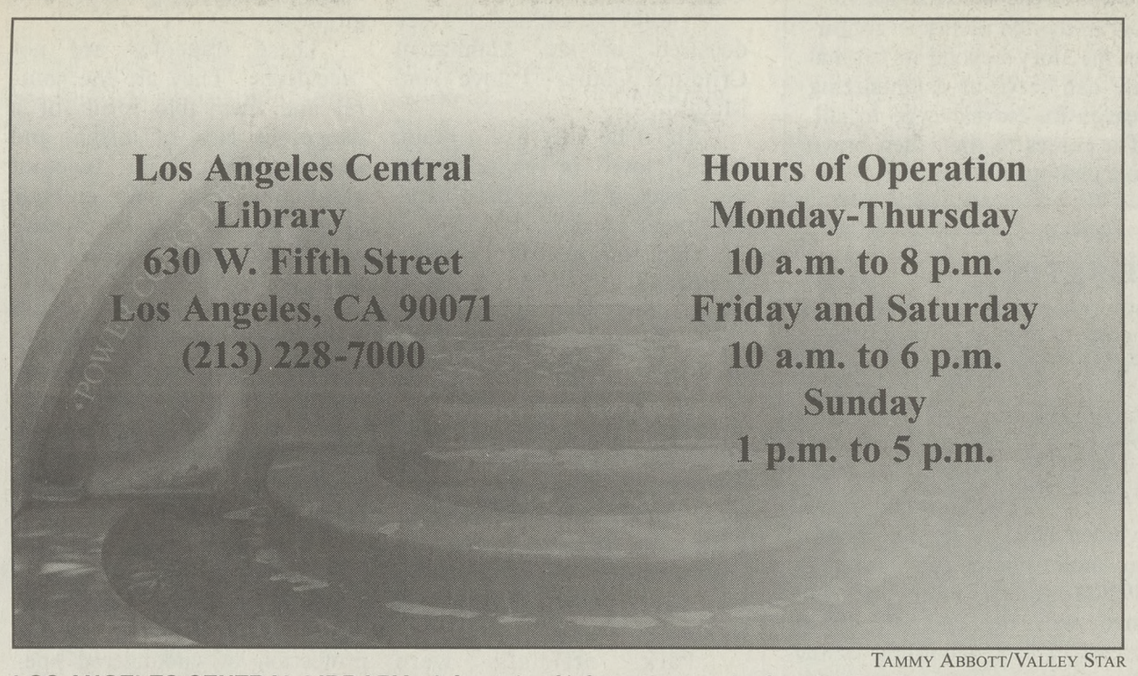
When asked the reason why the Pearmans offer the free advice, Robert said, "We feel good when we go home. We have a good sense of the community."

The stand has its regular customers, but when television stations or newspapers feature a story on Law Dogs, they always get more customers. There have been imitations too. Other people have started copying the Pearmans' free advice idea, like the Legal Grind coffee shop. In addition to the copycats, Disney wanted to create a series based on Kim Pearman but it never transpired.

At one point Law Dogs became a chain, but when the health craze in Los Angeles hit with places like Jamba Juice, they were forced to close their other locations.

"We're happy with just the one stand," Robert said. "In the first stand we didn't even have a phone originally, we're not big time."

"Giving free legal advice is a lot of work, people want to do the right thing and we want to help them," Robert said.



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LOS ANGELES CENTRAL LIBRARY - A fountain of information can be found at the library.

Culture On A Dime:

MIND EXCURSIONS

BY TAMMY ABBOTT
Valley Live Editor

Los Angeles has a treasure and it can be yours simply by applying for a library card. The L.A. Central Library located downtown is a vacationer's dream. One open book can lead a person to any time and place or engulf a person in any topic of interest.

The architecture of the library building is filled with beauty and a sense of history, especially as you walk over worn paver stones and gaze at murals on the walls and ceilings. Beautiful indoor and outdoor courtyards contain fountains and sculptures, both modern and historical. Vast archives of photographs and ongoing photography shows feature subjects related to the amazing city of Los Angeles.

If literature and architecture don't catch your fancy, maybe a piece of music would do the trick. The Central library has a vast collection of audio recordings, sheet music and scores.

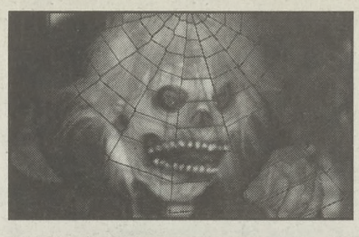
The library is rich in topics and resources. Whether in person or online, you will find the library rich in topics and resources. Also, there is a wonderful student resources section that can be very valuable when doing research.

If you have some research to do for a paper and don't have time to go downtown to pick up books, you can go online to the Central library website and, with the magic of your library card and computer, order a book to be delivered to your closest public library location for easy pick-up. The system is reliable and costs nothing as long as you return books on time, at any public library location.

The library even has a few urban legends.

Below downtown Los Angeles, in an area starting at Dodger Stadium and ending under the Central library, lies an ancient city remembered only in old Indian legends, an underground world built by a strange race – the Lizard People - that vanished five thousand years ago.

Mining engineer W. Warren Shufelt began searching for this city in 1934 after hearing about it in a Hopi legend. The Lizard People were a lost race that built thirteen underground cities along the Pacific Coast after a holocaust about 3000 B.C. The subterranean settlements held a thousand families each with food and supplies. They bore the tunnels using chemical solutions that melted the bedrock. Among other things, the Lizard People possessed golden tablets that chronicled their race's history, the origin of humans, and the history of the world since creation, according to www.lapl.org/central.



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BOO - The Bone Daddies and other surprises await the "Trick or Treaters" to visit Rick Polizzi's house. Above, Mick Terry as Dr. DeCrepit.

SPIRITS OF HALLOWEEN

Tricks aren't just for kids.

By Tammy Abbott
Vallye Life Editor

Every October for the last seven years the Bone Daddies make their appearance in Rick Polizzi's front yard. The skeleton band is just one of Polizzi's Halloween creations that make up a whimsical haunted wonderland at the corner of Sarah and Morse streets, just south of the 101 freeway and west off of Coldwater Canyon.

"It gets lonely working with all the corpses in the back yard at 2:00 a.m.," Polizzi said. He starts weeks before Halloween, turning his front yard into a village of skeleton party-seekers, a surprise for the eyes. He magically brings them to life with animatronics and music.

"It's like a big party here, everyone roams around to see all the old and new surprises I add each year. This year I hope to have some wonderful new things thrill the crowd," Polizzi said.

"It gets lonely working with all the corpses in the back yard at 2:00 a.m."

For more than 15 years there has been a crowd at John Walker's house, just south of Fulton and Magnolia. On Halloween night visitors line up to stroll through an animated haunted graveyard full of surprises.

Just when you think you're safe, there's no place to run because right next-door is infamous Dr. DeCrepit. Donning a cape, he unleashes his monstrous ultra ego from inside a bay window as he plays a creepy lick on his keyboard and taunts trick-or-treaters who attempt to come to the door. The ever-changing audience is captured by the spell he casts on his victims. The last time Halloween fell on a weekend Mick Terry, a local composer and songwriter had over 1,000 visitors.

These spooky quarters are just a few places where you can 'pay your respects' and get tricked as well as treated!

JACKIE CURRY
PORTRAIT OF COURAGE

Jacqui Brown
Staff Writer

Last week the Valley Star ran "Element of Hope," about cancer patient Colleen Shaffer. Presented here is the story of Jackie Curry, breast cancer survivor.

Jackie Curry hadn't had a mammogram in 10 years for the same reason most women put it off — fear. In September of 2001 she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I was caught in that limbo of knowing I had to go," Curry said, "and being too scared to go." Curry, a 45-year-old single mother who had relied solely on self-exams for those 10 years, finally went in for a 'buddy mammogram' with a girlfriend.

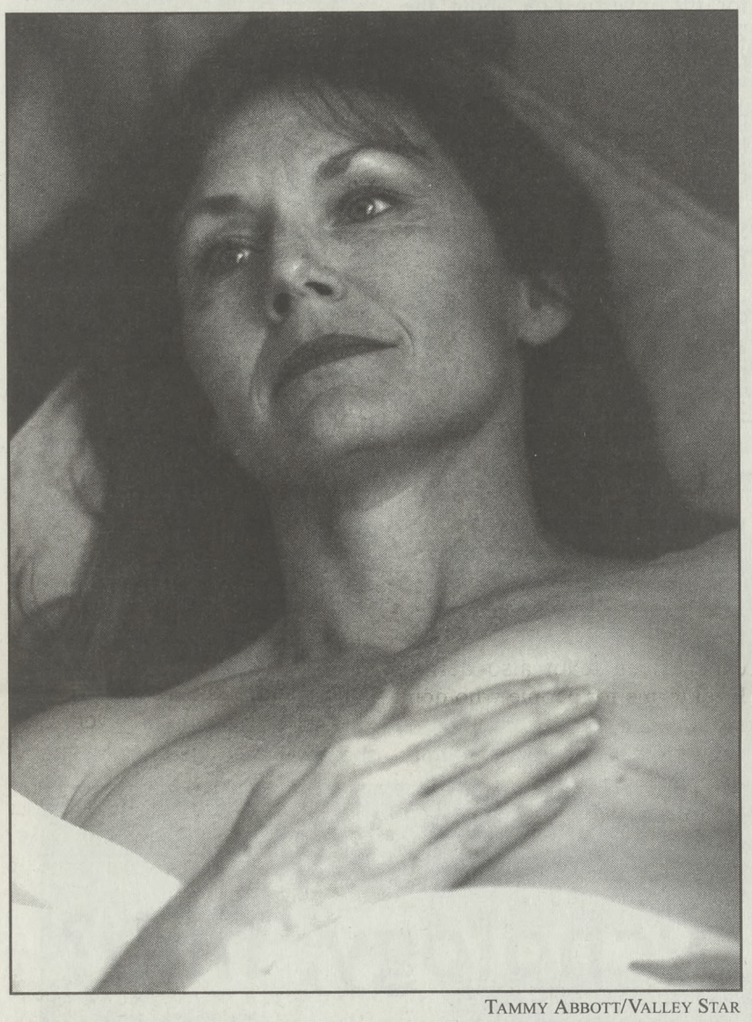
"I remember sitting there, halfway afraid they would find something wrong with my friend who had discovered a lump in a previous mammogram," Curry said. "And when the doctor came in with my film and said 'you see those little white dots' — I think I kind of went into shock and sort of shut down any part of me that would panic or get scared."

The doctor said two things: That she would need a biopsy and the second, the phrase you hold your breath hoping to hear — "it's probably nothing."

Curry made the appointment and went back for the test. "I got dressed after they finished the biopsy and the doctor came back in and I said 'It's nothing right?' and he says 'no my darling, you have to have surgery.' I couldn't believe it. I kept saying 'this is a mistake,'" Curry said. "This isn't me, I don't ever get sick," Curry said, unable to handle this information. "I've just kind of been sailing through life."

The surgeon said he didn't want to scare her, that this was really a pre-cancerous lesion and explained that ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) is a type of cancer found in a woman's milk ducts and that some of these calcifications in her milk duct had jumped ship and invaded her breast. She could have either a full or partial mastectomy.

> ***"This isn't me, I don't ever get sick."***



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SAVING HER BREASTS FROM A RADICAL MASTECTOMY - Jackie Curry had the courage to take the long shot and beat the odds.

"When he said carcinoma then I knew they were talking about breast cancer," Curry said. "But I said to myself — Pre-cancerous — That means I don't have breast cancer."

Having to tell her family was one of the hardest things she'd ever had to do, Curry said. One of her family members suggested she have both breasts removed and have reconstruction.

"I thought to myself, I like my old imperfect breasts, they've served me well," Curry said. "For someone to be so cavalier about their breasts — I just couldn't do it. I fed my child with these breasts and I've seduced lovers with these breasts. I just couldn't quite let all that go."

Her surgeon recommended she try to conserve the breast by removing only the affected area, but warned her there was a fifty-fifty chance she would need another surgery if the margins weren't wide enough.

She went into the surgery singing, a side effect from the pre-op medication she claims, and wore a sparkling tiara that her girlfriend provided for good luck during recovery. But luck was not yet on her side. When the results came back a week later the cancer was still there. Curry's family and friends pulled together to take care of her in shifts and prepared meals during her recovery. "That's when I realized I was among the luckiest people on earth because I had such a wonderful support system," Curry said, offering this advice: "Don't piss your family off, you might need them someday."

She had a second surgery in January 2002 that proved her lymph nodes were not involved, but again didn't have clear margins. The recovery from this surgery took its toll and Curry ended up on anti-depressants.

"It turns out breast cancer is depressing," Curry joked.

That's when the onslaught of doctors, oncologists, radiologists and plastic surgeons came into play. The possibility of a mastectomy had crept forward.

After meeting with the plastic surgeon and discussing options, Curry said she felt horrified and disappointed. Thoughts like 'would my boyfriend still love me with one breast' started clouding her thoughts. Listening to the plastic surgeon recommending she cut off her breast left her wondering how she went from a 'pre-cancerous' lesion to this.

"I made a decision. I said you can all kiss my ass, I'm not doing anything - I'm putting in my garden," Curry said. It was something she'd never had the opportunity to do since she had gone into escrow on her first home three days prior to her diagnosis. It was her way of making peace with the situation.

She felt recovered emotionally and physically by August 2002 and able to deal with whatever lay ahead. Two radiologists told her a third surgery wasn't necessary but when she went back to the surgeon to get his blessing, he told her he could not condone the opinion of the others. He urged her to take the percentage shot since the percentages were against her.

At the recommendation of her surgeon she had her third surgery in September 2002 and completed six weeks of radiation thereafter. Her last mammogram showed there is no more cancer.

Curry, now 47, is a survivor in health, in heart and in spirit and as her surgeon put it 'I hardly even had breast cancer'.

JENNIFER KELLY
THE CHORAL MUSE

By Marjorie Hall
Staff Writer

Courage, tenacity and education are just some of the ingredients that make Jennifer Kelly a successful teacher and director of choral activities in the Valley College music department.

If you are fortunate to participate in any of her classes you are in for an enriching musical happening. Experienced or not, everyone works together and equality is the magic word. Kelly insists that community college is for everyone.

Kelly will bring in a piece of music in a language that is not familiar with the majority of her students and after careful instruction and preparation the students have the confidence to perform their concert each semester. College choir meets every Monday and Wednesday morning. Students arrive on time take and take their place in the proper section. Everyone warms up and the singing begins.

> ***"Teaching is a way to give back for the opportunity I have been given."***

Kelly attended Palomar Community College and then went on to the University of California, Los Angeles. She is now working toward earning her Doctorial Degree. Kelly has a goal to conduct a full international orchestra and choir to a sold-out house at Carnegie Hall one day in the future.

Kelly has demonstrated the courage to take a chance and gamble everything on her education, "I had to sleep in my car," Kelly said. "I fell on hard times and I was very ashamed for a long time".

In spring 2003 the musical "Pippin" took the main stage in Valley's theater department. As musical director, Kelly was a shinning example of the ability to handle a busy show with many characters singing and dancing the entire performance.

"She is completely professional," said Julia Goretsky,

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Mischievous Music

By Harriet Steinberg
Staff Writer

The feeling that "music is good for the soul" came to life at the concert held in the music recital hall Thursday. This performance had an unusual blend of sound that flowed from a flute and a bassoon. The two guest musicians were flutist Michelle Matsumune and Christin Phelps Webb, who played the bassoon.

"It was interesting to hear a flute and a bassoon together. The chemistry between the two instruments gave it a very mischievous atmosphere," said Sal Castellanos, Valley student.

The first piece, Cinquieme Concerto by Francois Couperin, consisted of five movements, which had a mixture of different types of dances. One melody was a lively German dance, which was contrasted by a parochial tune. This type of music was popular during the Renaissance and Baroque period.

Matsumune studied the flute at Indiana University and received her master's degree in fine arts from California Institute of the Arts. She's given solo performances in Paris, Geneva, Mexico City and throughout the United States. Matsumune has also performed as a soloist with the Southern California Balinese Gamelon Group and with Persian singer Moein, in addition to being featured on several movie soundtracks.

Webb is a native of Vienna. She is a graduate of Indiana University, and received her master's degree in music from Peabody Conservatory. Webb has performed at music festivals including the Banff Center for the Arts, the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival and the Music Academy of the West. In Los Angeles, she freelances with many local orchestras, has played for film and television soundtracks and is a member of the Great Notes Wind Quintet.

Ludwig van Beethoven, C.P.E. Bach,son of Sebastian Bach, and Gernot Wolfgang composed the concert's selection of music. This concert started with music written in the 1700s and ended with compositions written as late as 1957. Wintrob explained to her students that during the Baroque period musical instruments were old-fashioned. "They used such instruments as the harpsichord and other string instruments," Wintob said, and explained that the contrast in music comes from the tempo. "Some movements are shorter than others."

"The flute and bassoon combination was very entertaining," student Fernando Saavedra said. "It was very emotional and

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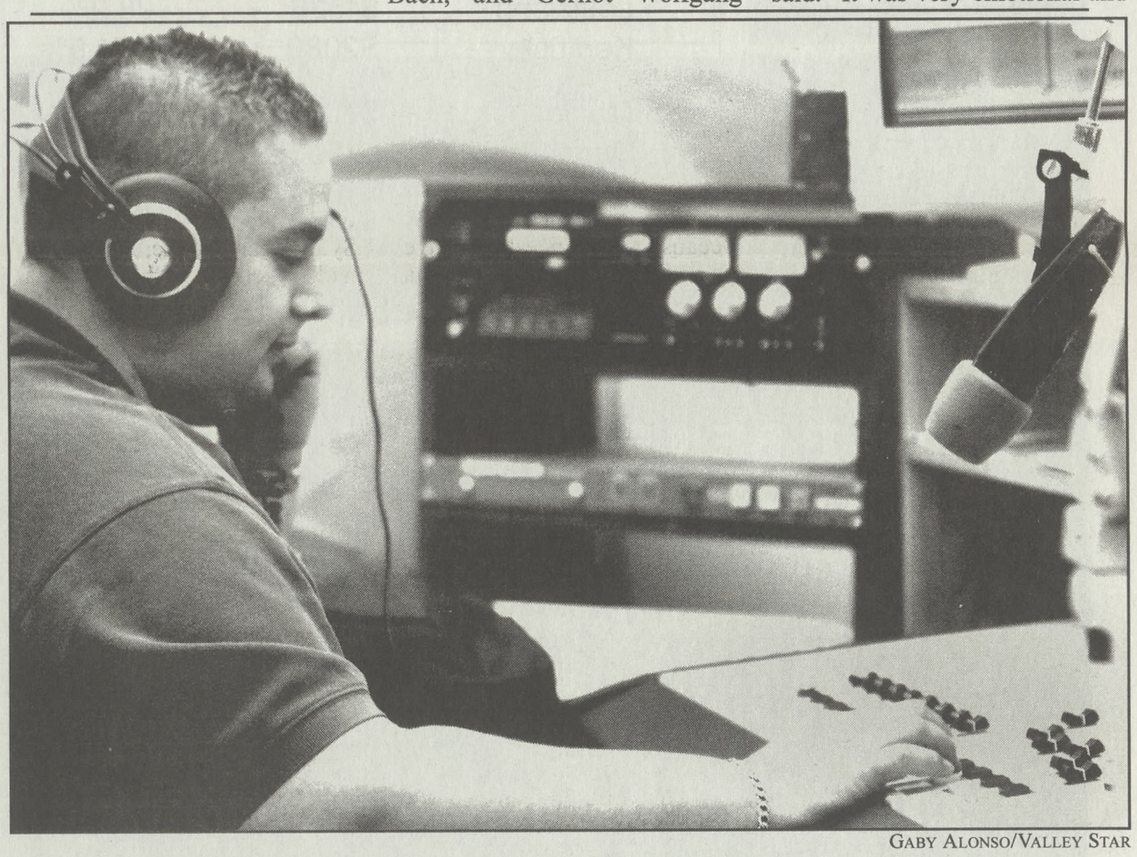
REMARKABLE DUO - Flutist Michelle Matsumune and Christin Phelps Webb, on bassoon, played selections from C.P.E. Bach to Gernot Wolfgang at the weekly concert series Thursday.



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ON AIR - Station Manager Tony Valdez takes over the air waves on Valley College's own campus station, KVCM.

BROADCASTING
And Spirits

By Harriet Steinberg
Staff Writer

Versatility and variety are the ingredients that make up the creative group of students who are studying broadcasting at Valley College.

Valley is the only campus in the Los Angeles Community College District with a broadcasting department or a radio station.

"We're the only college radio in Los Angeles County that is student-ran," Broadcasting Club President Denise Mendez said. "It's literally run like a real radio station," Mendez added, referring to the production process at KVCM, the campus station.

Halloween will be the theme of the Oct. 29 club day. Broadcasting students will be on the air, live at Campus Center all day.

On Oct. 31 KVCM has another treat planned. "we will be airing something we called 'Mixing for Halloween,'" station manager Tony Valdez said. "Everyone does their own thing." The DJ's will select songs as they go, according to requests.

Broadcasting student Brian Alvarado said he's taking the class because it allows him to go into professional broadcasting in the future. He wants to have a sports talk radio program. "This will prepare me for it," Alvarado said, "I'll be good at it because I have a great personality and I'm a people person." Alvarado loves sports — especially baseball, football and basketball.

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Alvarado has had four shows since he began attending Valley. His fourth show, "The Happy Hour Program," is an open discussion program on various topics. His program airs Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. He tries to make his program interesting by addressing current issues. Alvarado once had a short internship with ESPN radio.

Students from Broadcasting 10 study radio programming and production. The class includes lecture and laboratory time. During the lab students are trained to make announcements, practice on live mike performances, learn how to operate the radio station and more. After completing Broadcasting 10, a student may have a radio show as part of the Broadcasting 22 class.

"In order to go on air," Valdez said, "a student has to have taken Broadcasting 10 and should be enrolled in at least six units of college work." Valdez oversees students to ensure that students are following guidelines, but each student has the freedom to structure his or her program as he or she pleases. Students tape their aired shows and use the tapes as air-check tapes to acquire internships and jobs.

The lecture class, which is one of the requirements for Broadcasting 22, gives budding broadcasters more direction in planning the production of their program. Students in 22 work on KVCM. Everyone has a chance to practice his or her techniques and talents during a designated work schedule. Students in 22 may also work on television broadcast projects with the instructor's approval.

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student Kelly Day said. "It's either buy your books or eat." Day said that she spent more than $7 for a salad she felt wasn't as appetizing as it should have been, considering the price. "I should've just gone to Jack-in-the-Box and gotten a salad for a dollar," Day said.

Some changes have already been put into effect, such as a cut in the Cafeteria's operational hours and a feedback card system encouraging students to inform the school of what they like or don't like. Although the school is limited in the kind of foods the cafeteria can offer because of their contract with Orion, administrators say they will do their best in maintaining student satisfaction.

Another improvement plan included putting an Asian food stand in the place of Eddie Peppers but that never came to fruition because of the nearly $25,000 required for the conversion. Instead administrators opted to include Nathan's Hotdogs, which has done well so far although burgers and pizzas remain the biggest moneymakers. All of the modifications have helped the cafeteria, but they are still not enough. The cafeteria continues to make the college no real profit.

"The prices are pretty convenient, the food's pretty good," nursing student Rehan Ziaul said. Ziaul said he'd hate to see the cafeteria be replaced with a catering service similar to that at Los Angeles City College. "A catering truck is like a roach coach. This cafeteria is nothing like that, I like the indoor eating."

Jacobsmeyer concurs that even if the cafeteria is shut down the seating area will be kept open for students and be furnished with additional vending machines.

"I always see lots of people here, but they are never eating," economics major Lisa Hart said. "The food here is okay. My pizza's kind of bland."

'Rape'

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if this lecture will be re-scheduled," Aritin said.

Fine said he had a drug problem when he was much younger, but he has been able to control his addiction. He found out about the lecture through the Valley College calendar in the administration building.

R.N. Marilyn Matchett, at the Valley Health Center said that she doesn't get many students who come in wanting help with their drug problem. "They are happy with their addiction, and don't want to discontinue it," Matchett said. "When students come in and say that they want to get rid of their marijuana addiction, I refer them to Marijuana Anonymous." If somebody wants to know why they're addicted, Matchett refers them to the campus psychologist, Dr. Carl King.

Matchett approves of medical marijuana use. "It should be prescribed on an individual basis by a qualified doctor," Matchett said. "It should be prescribed by someone who is knowledgeable about drug addiction. The doctor should make certain that the recipient is making an appropriate request. People should educate themselves as to what they are going to put in their bodies and know the consequences of marijuana."

"Substance abuse should be part of the curriculum under Health/Science courses," said Brandy Rodriguez, medical assistant at the health center.

Marijuana is the most widely used illegal drug in the United States, according to Narconon of Southern California. There are 10 to 15 times more people using marijuana today than in the '60s.

'Tuition'

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state legislature, figured at cost per credit hour, reached approximately $450 for a full-year. Compared to Montana's $3,374 per year California students still have it easy.

The $7 per unit increase in tuition has been a heated issue in California, and added to the decline in student enrollment and re-enrollment.

"I think it is unfair because I have to pay for books, too," computer applications and office technologies student Varduhi Movsisyan said.

It is estimated that 40,000 students did not return and an additional 50,000 students expected to enroll failed to do so in light of the tuition increase, budget cuts and decrease in class offerings, according to a California Community College report.

2003 State Tuition Increases

State	Tuition	Increase
California	$451	60.3%
Virginia	$1526	42.1%
New Mexico	$610	35.6%
Louisiana	$1526	28.2%
Kentucky	$2080	21.9%
Maine	$2029	0.2%
West Virginia	$1591	0.6%
Mississippi	$1831	1.1%
Wyoming	$1753	2.8%

Montana has the highest tuition at $3374.

A Little Goes A Long Way

▪Valley College will hold a blood drive to assist the Red Cross in reaching its' supply goals.

BY KRISTA CARLSON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Blood transfusions are necessary to save lives everyday. In Southern California alone the American Red Cross uses more than 1,000 units of blood for patients suffering from severe burns, trauma, sickle cell anemia, hemophilia and cancer, as well as those undergoing surgery.

Valley College will host a blood drive in Monarch Hall Oct. 20, sponsored by the Red Cross. The Red Cross hopes to collect 40 units of blood, which requires about 60 people ~~to try to~~ donating.

Erik Iniguez, Associated Student Union vice president, gave blood for the first time in high school to get out of class and discovered the value of being a donor. "I thought it was going to hurt, but it didn't," Iniguez said. "That's when I found out I have O positive. Now I always give blood." People with O positive are valuable donors because a patient with any blood type can accept their blood.

Currently, the Red Cross is in "emergency mode" — their store is down to one day's supply, about 1,500 units, while the ideal amount is a five-day supply. Blood is perishable and supplies must be replenished continuously so that hospitals can be prepared for emergencies.

"Los Angeles has never been able to supply its own blood," said Patricia LeBlanc, Red Cross donor resources development consultant. "Forty percent of the blood we use comes from the Midwest. We are the largest blood user in the United States and we have the lowest amount of donors."

Less than three percent of eligible donors in Los Angeles give blood, which is the least amount nationwide. Southern California has relied on additional blood supplies from other regions for the last 10 years.

"We try to make it available [to students] so they don't have to go to another center to donate," said Brandy Rodriguez, medical assistant at the health center. "I've always enjoyed doing it, it's just one of my ways of doing my part," Rodriguez said of giving blood.

In order to give blood, a donor must be at least 17 years of age, weigh 110 pounds, be in good health and not be at risk for HIV/AIDS. The process takes about an hour and involves a screening that includes a questionnaire and mini-physical.

"I was interested in helping save lives," said Maggie Hasbun, ASU's commissioner of fine arts. "When I walked in the door I was so scared, but the people were so nice, they made me feel better. When I saw the needle I got scared again, but I just turned my head and it was OK."

'Lecture'

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department to retrieve it, at which time he was arrested. Lopez waived his Miranda rights and confessed to the August crime at Valley's pool during summer camp when, according to pool employees, nearly three hundred children were using the facility.

Lopez only recently became a suspect in the rape case after he was arrested on the indecent exposure and lewd conduct charges that occurred at both Pierce and Valley. Due to the nature of the charges, an LASD detective supervisor notified the LAPD detectives responsible for the investigation about the 2001 rape, which led to the DNA testing, authorities said.

Fred Shaw, head swimming coach at Pierce, said Lopez had been training on and off at their campus since the 1990's.

"Everyone is just shocked," Shaw said. "He was very well liked as a member of the team."

"It's been the most gratifying case because I believe I've taken a potentially violent person off the street," Gutierrez said. "He's not going to victimize any more women or children."

Lopez is being held at the North County Correctional Facility in Saugus on $1.36 million bail. Investigators believe he may be responsible for other sex-related crimes. Anyone having information regarding Lopez and/or related crimes are urged to call LAPD, robbery-homicide Division, at (818) 756-8309, or LASD, community college bureau, at (323) 669-7561.

'NASA'

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program are being developed from materials received by NASA. Some are various types of imagery modules including the stars, planets and earth and will serve as a testing ground for its developers at NASA.

NASA's Origins Project in conjunction with Pasadena's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the University of Arizona Steward Observatory's Conceptual Astronomy and Physics Education Research team and Spitz, Inc., a manufacturer of planetarium equipment, will be working together to provide the program with lots of opportunities to acquire new imagery.

"We hope to put together a new course in planetary geology, which is new," Falk said. "We have a lot of work ahead of us, but since this is the first grant in this department since the planetarium was built in '63, it should be very exciting."

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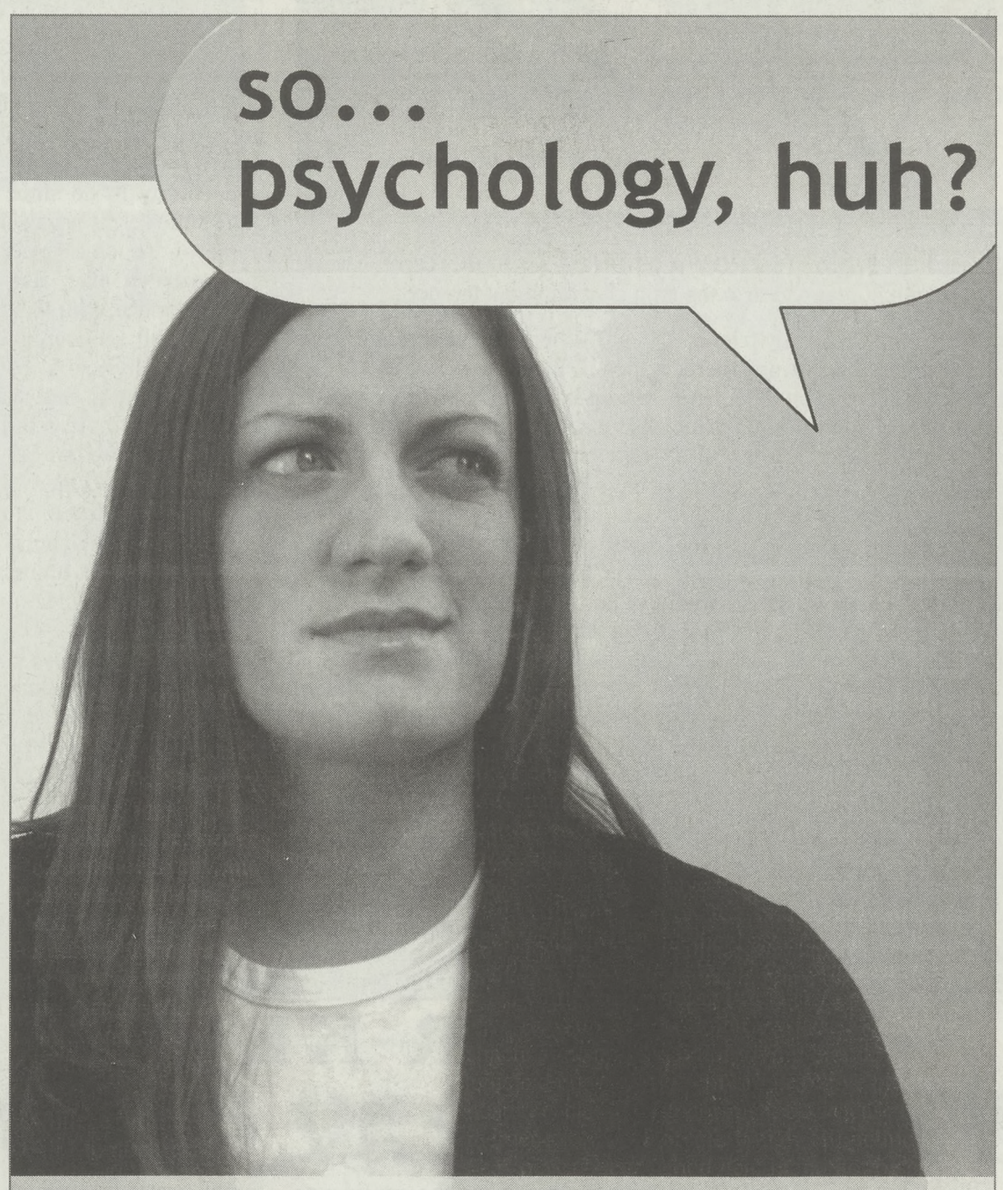

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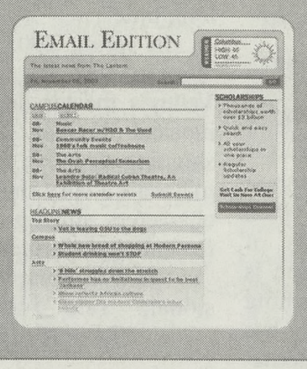

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in "Pippin." "Her vast training is clear and it easy to see that she knows exactly what she's doing "

Kelly's colleagues recognize her extraordinary conducting. "She is the best musical director I've ever worked with," said Peter Parkin, head of the theater department and director of "Pippin."

"Teaching is a way to give back for the opportunity I have been given," Kelly said. "Life is hard. If I can make it better for anyone I will do that."

JORDAN DINAPOLI/VALLEY STAR

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC- Jennifer Kelly helps students prepare for the Christmas performance at Valley College.

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"Every person can have their own show — music, talk, or whatever," Valdez said. "There is a special format that everyone has to follow." Valdez features dance music on his show. The broadcasting program from this class goes on air on Mondays through Thursdays on Adelphia Cable on channel 25 (in the greater east San Fernando Valley) from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Assistant Station Manager, Jose "Cubanito" Pedron helps Valdez make sure that the station is running properly. Cubanito's program, "The Sucio Mix," provides listeners with Spanish hip-hop and R & B. It can be heard on the station on Tuesdays from 1p.m. to 2 p.m. and on Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Listeners call in during his show requesting what they want to hear. Cubanito said that his show is all about his culture.

Although the students' shows are on cable television, there are no visuals, just audio. Valley students or other visitors can come to Room 112 in the Humanities Building any time except class hours to listen to the programs or they can also go to the Lion's Den, located next to the cafeteria, to listen on the big screen television.

Students can call the station for requests and comments at 947-2305.

Campus Crime

BY JACQUI BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Auto Break-Ins Continue

Over the last two weeks in September 10 cars were broken into in various parking lots on the Valley College Campus. In the first two weeks of October, another 7 were broken into.

The thieves smashed the car windows and stole stereos. One vehicle had its rear bumper stolen. Most of the burglaries occurred in the morning, between 8 a.m. and noon, while most students are in class.

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Theater Robbed

Over $2300 in equipment was stolen from the theater arts sound room earlier this month.

The main soundboard used to connect most of the microphones and other audio equipment was among the items stolen.

Art Brickman of the technical theater department arrived at the building to set up for the Los Angeles Unified School District music educator's symposium and discovered the door to the projection room open and the equipment missing. There was no sign of forced entry.

The symposium had to be moved to Monarch Hall where microphones could be set up.

"The department doesn't have the budget to replace this equipment," Brickman said. "Right now we have to simplify and work around the what's missing."

Police are still investigating this crime.

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Campus security urges anyone with information regarding such incidents to contact the Sheriff's department at (818) 947-2911.

'Strike'

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One of the key issues surrounding the strike concerns how much the MTA should contribute to the union's health plan and how it should be managed, according to Neil Silver, union leader. The union argues that the health care fund is nearing bankruptcy as the rising cost of healthcare services

"We are asking for a modest wage increase and to protect our health and welfare benefits," Silver said.

The MTA proposed to raise the company's monthly contribution per mechanic to the union health fund from $533 to $607 and offered to increase wages by 5 percent over the term of the four-year contract. Currently, mechanics earn on average $50,000 annually and contribute nothing for their own healthcare but contribute $6 per month for family members and $3 per month for spouses, according to the MTA.

At the North Hollywood Metro Red Line station many transit riders were caught unaware of the strike. Business for local taxi services was better than usual as riders scrambled to find a ride. "Some people were completely shocked this morning," said Albert Soukiassian, driver for Untied Taxi of San Fernando Valley. "I feel really bad for the people who are stuck because of this situation, but I think it is important for workers to have unions."

North Hollywood High School student Jose Barragan wasn't able to get to school. "My mom dropped me off here this morning as usual, but since there is no bus I've been waiting all day," Barragan said. "I had no idea about the strike or I would have stayed home."

Not all people are supporting the union's action. "The strike does affect me because I take the bus," said Maria Hernandez, child development major. "It is my only mode of transportation. It is wrong for them to strike, a lot of people can lose their jobs."

'MTA'

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competitors is Wal-Mart, which plans to open 40 supercenters across California.

"They want to Wal-Mart-ize the store," said Levon Robertson, Valley College student and former Ralph's grocery clerk. "Management wants to destroy the union. We want our jobs." After reporting to work on Monday, Robertson said his boss told him that he was laid off and locked out.

"I don't know too much about it," customer Karen Benschitrit said. The full-time wife and mother said she didn't feel pressure from the strikers as she shopped in the nearly deserted Ralph's store at Coldwater Canyon Ave. and Magnolia Blvd.

A group of approximately 30 picketers demonstrated in front of the Ralph's market at the corner of Sherman Way and Woodman Avenue Monday urging the few customers arriving not to shop at the store.

Chris Anthony Henry, Sr. has worked at the Woodman market for four years as a cardboard baler "I make $7.40 an hour," Henry said. "I can't afford it if I have to pay half [of my wages] for my benefits." Store manager Peter Wang had no comment about the job action in front of his store.

In a statement released to customers Ralph's spokesman John Burgon said, "We are negotiating this contract in an unusually tough and a very different competitive environment."

"They make enough money. They need to stop being greedy," communication major Kelly Mensah said. "For a high school diploma, that is plenty."

The supermarket chains argue that the contract being offered to the union represents the best possible terms. A full-time food clerk in the region makes $17.90 an hour and up to $53.70 an hour on holidays, Burgon said. The company cites rising costs of healthcare as the reason behind compelling employees to contribute $5 for an individual and $15 for a family to healthcare benefits.

Tiffany Farmakis contributed to this story.

'CTC'

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Fridays. Students have access to free information, workshops and helpful tools to aid them in the process of selecting the educational path to leads to a successful career.

The CTC also features the Eureka computer system, a helpful research program to help students ensure that they build a firm educational foundation for their career choice. The program brings together information about the academic requirements needed for almost every possible career option and the educational institutions that provide related programs of study.

"I didn't know the school offered this system," student Sammi Sharruf said. "Any extra resource is helpful, but you have to let people know it's out there."

There will be another career inventory workshop on Nov. 6 from 1p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"This is just a tool," Goldberg said. "It's one way for you to evaluate your skills, abilities, interests and goals to help you choose an effective plan of action."

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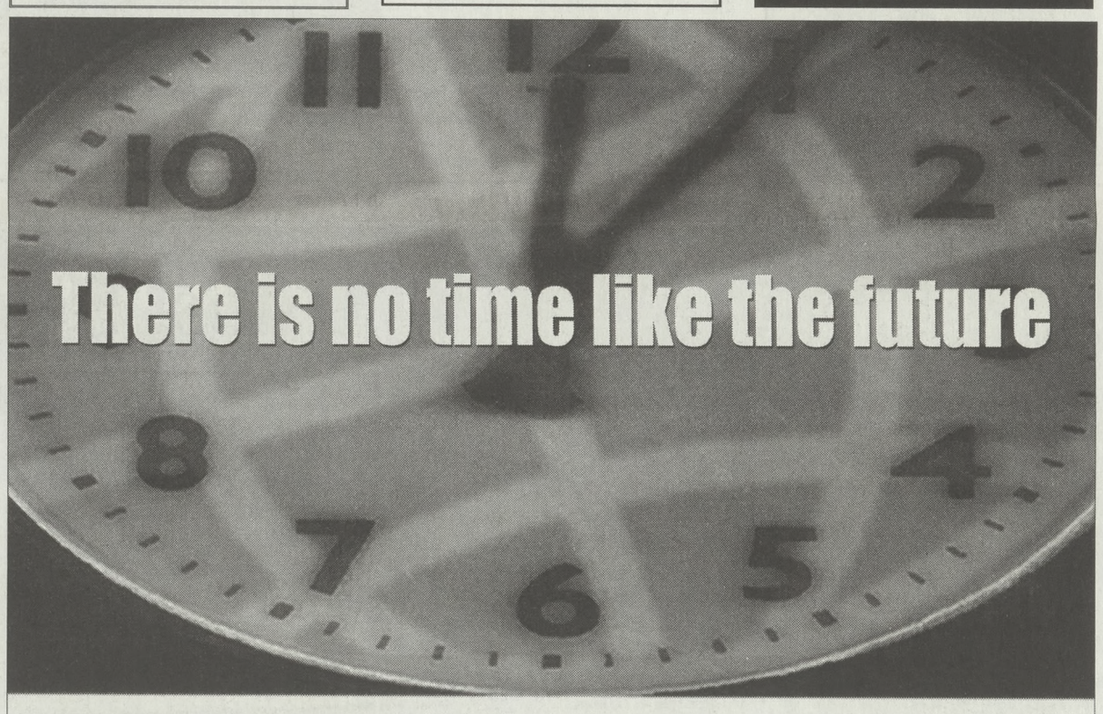

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WSC SOCCER

Monarchs Fall Into A Canyon

■ **Lady Monarchs soccer lose their third consecutive game in a 0-2 loss to Canyons.**

By Jorge Gallegos
Staff Writer

The Lady Monarchs' soccer team will host Santa Monica Friday and try to stop its three-game losing streak. College of the Canyons defeated the Monarchs, 2-0, and the ladies are looking for some answers.

"We are not connecting well," said midfielder Friday Camaclang, recognizing the mistakes of the past few games.

The Monarchs struggled to find offense in the first half against the Cougars. Valley had a chance to get on the board early when midfielder Rosario Soriano and forward Virginia Granados connected on a pass play right in front of their opponents' goal. Granados dodged Cougars' keeper Cami Bangasser and had a clear shot, but her shot hit the post, denying Valley the first goal of the game.

In the second half, Valley concentrated on getting the ball up the middle with long passed to Granados and Soriano, a strategy that left the Monarchs with few scoring opportunities in the second half.

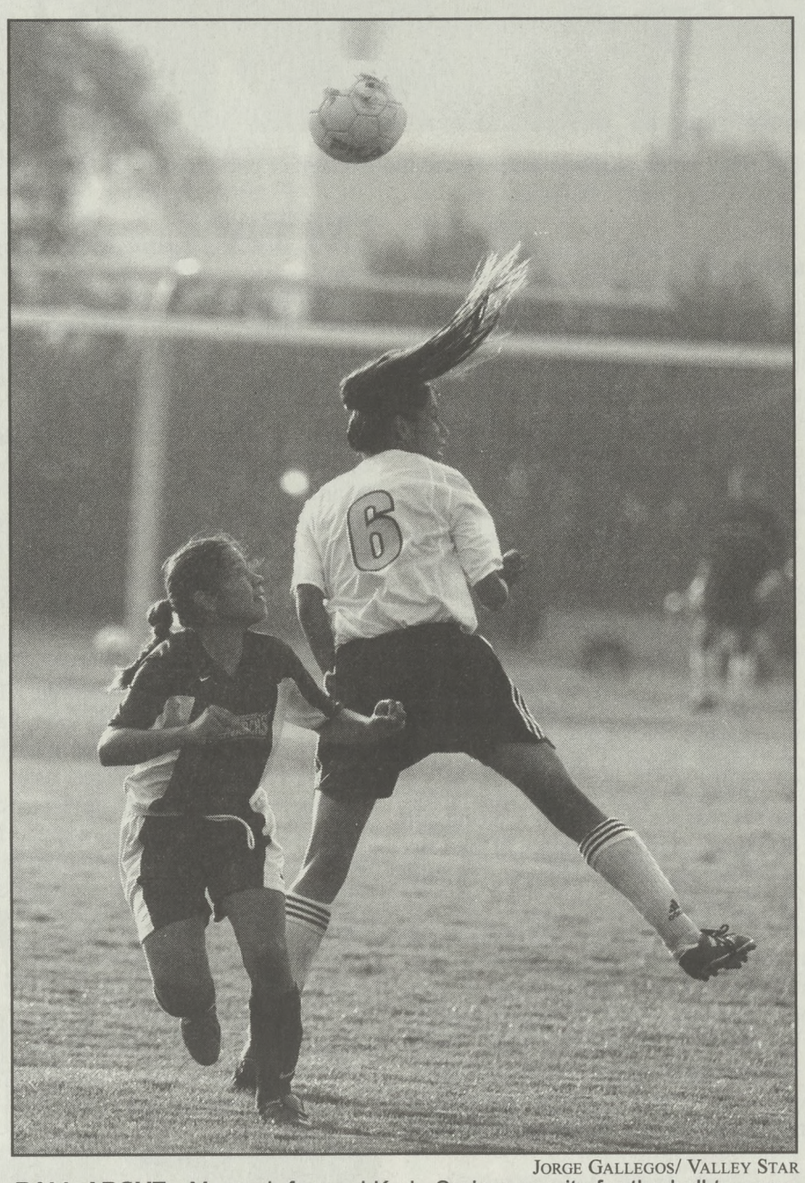
The Cougars did the exact opposite, scoring two goals by getting the ball up the sidelines and exposing the left side of the Monarchs' defense. The Cougars' scored both its goals from the left and both goals came from the foot of Megan Jurty.

The Monarchs' record dropped to 5-4-3, with seven Western State Conference games remaining.

"We are not connecting well"
-Friday Camaclang

The Monarchs host Santa Monica, Citrus, Bakersfield and then Glendale, before its next road game. The last three games include a visit to College of the Canyons, then to Pierce College and the final conference game is on the road against Santa Moncia.

SANTA MONICA CORSAIRS Santa Monica, CA ■ October 17 4 p.m.



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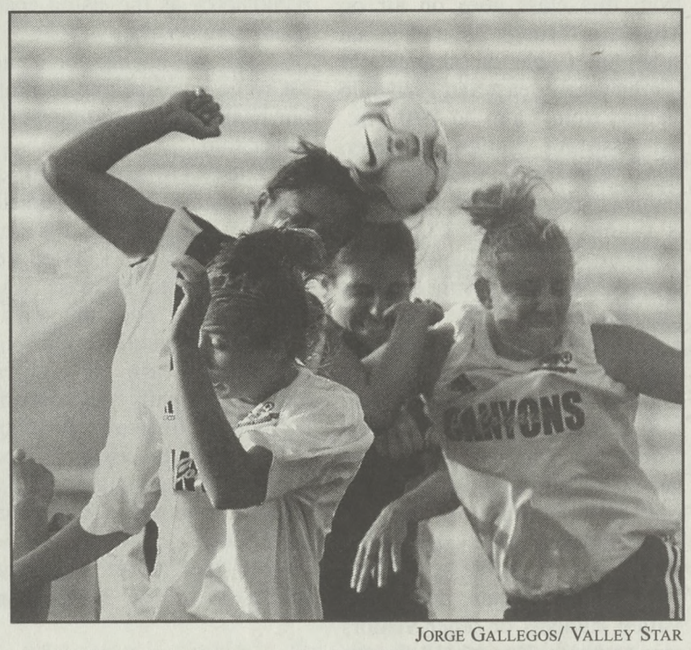
BALL ABOVE - Monarch forward Karla Soriano awaits for the ball to come down in game against College of the Canyons Oct. 7. Valley lost to the Cougars 0-2.

SOCCER
Upcoming Schedule
Los Angeles Valley College
Western State Conference

Opponent	Date	Time
Santa Monica	10/17	4 p.m.
Citrus	10/21	4 p.m.
Bakersfield	10/24	4 p.m.
Glendale	10/28	3 p.m.
@ Canyons	10/31	1 p.m.
Pierce	11/7	3 p.m.
@ SMC	11/10	3 p.m.



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HEADER - Valley forward Virginia Soriano and defender Obdulia Michel jump for a header between two Cougar defenders.

LAVC SCORES

Football @ Moorpark (L 28-31) 10/4/03 Record: 1-4
Edric Prim: (rushing) 20 TCB, 64 NYG, 3.2 AVG, 0 TD

Soccer vs. Canyons (L 0-2) 10/7/03 Record: 5-4-2

Women's Water Polo - Citrus Tourn. 10/10/03 Record: 16-3
Valley vs. Cuesta (W 12-8)
Valley vs. Santa Monica (W 14-7)
Valley vs. El Camino (W 14-3)
Valley vs. Fullerton (W 9-8)
CURRENT RANKING: Seventh in California

LAVC SCHEDULE

Wednesday 10/15/03
Men's Water Polo @ Ventura 3 p.m.
Women's Water Polo @ Ventura 4:15 p.m.

Thursday 10/16/03
No Scheduled Games

Friday 10/17/03
Cross Country @ Mt. Sac All Day
Men's Water Polo Alumni 7 p.m.

Saturday 10/18/03
Football vs. West L.A. 1 p.m.

Sunday 10/19/03
No Scheduled Games

Tuesday 10/21/03
Soccer vs. Citrus 4 p.m.

PRO SCORES

L.A. Lakers @ G.S. Warriors (L 83-99) 10/8/03
Shaquille O'Neal: 10 pts, 8 rb, 5 ast — Gary Payton: 11 pts, 2-2 ft

L.A. Galaxy @ K.C. Wizards (L 2-1 OT) 10/3/03
LAG: 8-12-8 — KCW: 10-10-8

Chicago Cubs @ Atlanta Braves (L 0-4) 10/12/03
Chicago Cubs lead National League Championship Series 3-2

New York Yankees @ Boston Red Sox (W 4-2) 10/14/03
New York Yankees lead American League Championship Series 3-2

In Their Own Words

"You know what it takes to have a jersey and wear it."

Eric Archila,
Soccer Head Coach,
to his team during an afternoon practice session.

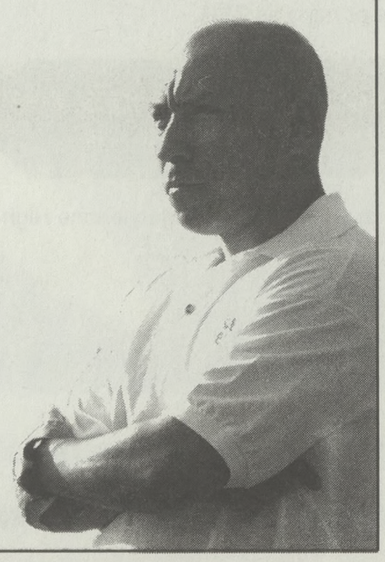

Photo by Jorge Gallegos

Cubs, Sox on Collision Curse

■ **The Boston Red Sox and Chicago Cubs are on a collision course to meet in the World Series.**

By Jayson Addcox
Sports Editor

The Chicago Cubs and the Boston Red Sox are on the verge of making history. Both teams are tantalizingly close to taking the championships of their respective leagues and earning long-awaited berths in the World Series.

The Red Sox haven't won a World Series in 85 years, and Cub fans have waited 95 years since their last championship. Ironically, the last time the Red Sox won it all, the team they beat was … the Chicago Cubs. And something else these two storied franchises have in common: Their lack of postseason glory is supposedly the result of curses.

Their lack of postseason glory is supposedly the result of curses.

Boston fans didn't get to celebrate their 1918 title long, as the team's owner, Harry Frazee sold their best player to the New York Yankees after the following season to fund a musical, "No No Nanette." That star pitcher and slugging outfielder fetched the Red Sox a then-whopping $125,000 and a $300,000 loan – and the most infamous curse in sports. His name: Babe Ruth.

That was 1918. Since then, Babe Ruth has become synonymous with baseball greatness and the Red Sox haven't won a title. They have only a botched grounder by Bill Buckner that cost them the championship in the '86 World Series and a few other feeble failures in the playoffs to show for decades of pathetic struggle.

"There will never be another World Series played in Wrigley Field."
-William Sianis, 1945

The Yankees, who hadn't ever been to the Series at the time of the deal, have collected 26 world championships and 38 pennants, prompting fans and baseball historians to dub Boston's subsequent misfortunes the "Curse of the Bambino."

In Chicago, legend has it that the Cubs were cursed in the '45 World Series. The team refused to play along with a publicity stunt by the owner of Billy Goat tavern, William Sianis. Sianis and his goat were denied entry into Wrigley Field for game four of the series, and according to legend Sianis held up both hands and said, "There will never be another World Series played in Wrigley Field." The Cubs haven't won a championship since 1908.

Now the Cubs are on the verge of beating the Florida Marlins in the National League Championship Series. At press time, they lead the series 3-2 and play the upstart Marlins in Chicago for the final two games. The Cubs went out and hired Manager Dusty Baker before the season, and he has worked the magic with the North Siders that won him three Manager of the Year awards in San Francisco. The Cubbies have their two aces, USC alum Mark Prior and Texan fireballer Kerry Wood to close out both the Floridians and Sianis' Goat.

The Red Sox have a tougher road to make the big dance, as at press time they trail those hated Yankees, three games to two. That series has already seen a brawl on the field, a brawl in the dugout, fines off the field and plenty of excitement between the foul lines. It looks like the Curse of the Bambino has no intention of going down easy.

Major League Baseball
American League Championship Series
New York Yankees @ Boston Red Sox
NY 4 - BOS 2 NY Leads Series 3-2

Inning by Inning Score

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
NY Yankees	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	7	1
Bos. Red Sox	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	6	1

GAME 6 New York City, NY ■ Burkett @ Pettitte ■ October 15 1:18 p.m. PT ■ Fox

GAME 7 (I.N.) New York City, NY ■ Martinez @ Clemens ■ October 15 5:18 p.m. PT ■ Fox

NLCS Game 5 Stats - New York Yankees

	AB	R	H	RBI
A. Soriano (2B)	5	0	1	1
D. Jeter (SS)	5	0	0	0
J. Giambi (DH)	3	0	1	0
D. Dellucci (DH)	0	0	0	0
B. Williams (CF)	4	1	0	0
J. Posada (C)	3	1	1	0
H. Matsui (LF)	4	0	1	1
N. Johnson (1B)	3	1	0	0
A. Boone (3B)	3	1	2	0
K. Garcia (RF)	3	0	1	2
Totals	33	4	7	4

Statistics Grouped for the Valley Star by Bob Teichmann

NOTES

MLB
Frank McCourt, a Boston real estate developer has reached an agreement to purchase the Los Angeles Dodgers. McCourt reportedly has offered $430 million for the team and facilities.

HORSE RACING
Jockey Bill Shoemaker known as "The Shoe" died in his sleep Sunday at his home in Santa Anita, he was 72. Shoemaker won the Kentucky Derby four times in his career. In 1986 he became the oldest jockey to win the Derby at 54 years old. He second all-time in victories with 8,834.

IRL
Kenny Brack suffered major injuries when his Indy car was sent airborne slamming into the 12 ft steel catch fence in the Chevy 500 at the Texas Motor Speedway Sunday. Brack broke his thigh, both his ankles, his lower back, and sternum in the crash. He was listed in stable condition at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

NBA
Los Angeles Laker center Shaquille O'Neal has a bruised left heel, his doctor disclosed Monday. O'Neal requested a MRI on his heel Monday because the pain hadn't subsided since he hurt it two weeks before.

NBA
Orlando Magic guard Tracy McGrady said Tuesday he has had breathing problems for two weeks due to an inflamed lung.

NBA
Long-time NHL and NFL commentator Al Michaels has agreed to announce the 2003-2004 NBA season on ABC.

NFL
Broncos LB Ian Gold will miss the rest of the season after tearing the ACL in his right knee Sunday in a game against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

NFL
Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Mark Brunell had surgery Monday to stop his left elbow from swelling, and won't be able to return to return to practice for at least a couple of weeks.

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NBA SCHEDULE

Wednesday 10/15/03

Matchup	TV	Time (ET)
Boston Celtics @ Detroit Pistons	none	7:30 p.m.
Denver Nuggets @ Indiana Pacers	none	8 p.m.
Toronto Raptors @ Minnesota Timberwolves	none	8 p.m.
Seattle Supersonics @ Golden State Warriors	none	8 p.m.

Thursday 10/16/03

Matchup	TV	Time
Miami Heat @ Atlanta Hawks	none	TBD
Chicago Bulls @ New Orleans Hornets	none	7 p.m.
Sacramento Kings @ Houston Rockets	none	7:30 p.m.
Phoenix Suns @ **Los Angeles Clippers**	none	7:30 p.m.
Orlando Magic @ Utah Jazz	none	8:30 p.m.
Cleveland Cavaliers @ **Los Angeles Lakers**	KCAL 9	10:30 p.m.

Friday 10/17/03

Matchup	TV	Time
Denver Nuggets @ Toronto Raptors	none	7 p.m.
Cleveland Cavaliers @ **Los Angeles Clippers**	none	7:30 p.m.
Boston Celtics @ New Jersey Nets	none	7:30 p.m.
New York Knicks @ San Antonio Spurs	none	7:30 p.m.
Miami Heat @ Detroit Pistons	none	8 p.m.
Minnesota Timberwolves @ Indiana Pacers	none	8 p.m.
Orlando Magic @ Memphis Grizzlies	none	8 p.m.
Philadelphia 76er's @ Utah Jazz	none	9 p.m.
Phoenix Suns @ **Los Angeles Lakers**	KCAL 9	10:30 p.m.

Saturday 10/18/03

Matchup	TV	Time
Washington Wizards @ New Orleans Hornets	none	7 p.m.
Indiana Pacers @ Boston Celtics	none	7:30 p.m.
Toronto Raptors @ New Jersey Nets	none	7:30 p.m.
Atlanta Hawks @ Memphis Grizzlies	none	8 p.m.
Milwaukee Bucks @ Chicago Bulls	none	8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia 76er's @ Dallas Mavericks	none	8:30 p.m.
Portland Trailblazers @ Seattle Supersonics	none	10 p.m.

Sunday 10/19/03

Matchup	TV	Time
Denver Nuggets @ Detroit Pistons	none	6 p.m.
Dallas Mavericks @ San Antonio Spurs	none	6 p.m.
Los Angeles Clippers @ Golden State Warriors	none	9 p.m.
Cleveland Cavaliers @ **Los Angeles Lakers**	KCAL 9	9:30 p.m.
Seattle Supersonics @ Sacramento Kings	none	10 p.m.

Monday 10/20/03

Matchup	TV	Time
New Orleans Hornets @ Philadelphia 76er's	none	7 p.m.
Atlanta Hawks @ Washington Wizards	none	7 p.m.
Milwaukee Bucks @ Minnesota Timberwolves	none	8 p.m.
Denver Nuggets @ Portland Trailblazers	none	10 p.m.

Tuesday 10/21/03

Matchup	TV	Time
Chicago Bulls @ Toronto Raptors	none	7 p.m.
Milwaukee Bucks @ Detroit Pistons	none	7:30 p.m.
Memphis Grizzlies @ Miami Heat	none	7:30 p.m.
New York Knicks @ New Jersey Nets	none	7:30 p.m.
Utah Jazz @ Dallas Mavericks	none	8:30 p.m.

Wednesday 10/22/03

Matchup	TV	Time
Minnesota Timberwolves @ Boston Celtics	none	7 p.m.
Washington Wizards @ Cleveland Cavaliers	none	7 p.m.
Atlanta Hawks @ Orlando Magic	none	7 p.m.
Denver Nuggets @ Houston Rockets	none	7:30 p.m.
New Orleans Hornets @ San Antonio Spurs	none	7:30 p.m.
Phoenix Suns @ Portland Trailblazers	none	10 p.m.
Dallas Mavericks @ Sacramento Kings	none	10 p.m.
Golden State Warriors @ Seattle Supersonics	none	10 p.m.

Thursday 10/23/03

Matchup	TV	Time
Cleveland Cavaliers @ Toronto Raptors	none	6:30 p.m.
New Jersey Nets @ Philadelphia 76er's	none	7 p.m.
Utah Jazz @ New York Knicks	none	7:30 p.m.
Indiana Pacers @ Minnesota Timberwolves	none	8 p.m.
Memphis Grizzlies @ Chicago Bulls	none	8:30 p.m.
Los Angeles Clippers @ Los Angeles Lakers	KCAL 9	10:30 p.m.

Friday 10/24/03

Matchup	TV	Time
Washington Wizards @ Atlanta Hawks	none	TBD
Utah Jazz @ Orlando Magic	none	7 p.m.
Houston Rockets @ San Antonio Spurs	none	7 p.m
New Jersey Nets @ Boston Celtics	none	7:30 p.m.
Detroit Pistons @ Milwaukee Bucks	none	8:30 p.m.
Indiana Pacers @ Denver Nuggets	none	9 p.m.
Portland Trailblazers @ Phoenix Suns	none	9 p.m.
Golden State Warriors @ **Los Angeles Clippers**	none	10:30 p.m.
Sacramento Kings @ **Los Angeles Lakers**	KCAL 9	10:30 p.m.

Saturday 10/25/03

Matchup	TV	Time
No Games Scheduled	n/a	n/a

Sunday 10/26/03

Matchup	TV	Time
No Games Scheduled	n/a	n/a

KOBE'S REPLACEMENT?

NAME: Young Timmy Bryant
HT: small WT: light
POSITION: Annoying Rugrat
YEARS: Rookie
NICKNAME: "Old Man"
SCHOOL: Toddler Tech
SHOT RANGE: 5" w/ help
SPECIALTY: Lob Pass

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Monarchs Sink Cougars in the Fourth

■ Lady Monarchs improve their record with an explosive fourth quarter comeback.

By David Brown
for the Star

The Lady Monarchs water polo team defeated the Cuesta Cougars 12-8 in the conference opener. Valley (16-3) avoided its third loss in as many games by finishing strong against Cuesta.

The game was a classic shootout, with the teams scoring back and forth. At the end of an exciting third quarter the game was a tied at 7, but the Lady Monarchs established themselves in the fourth. They scored five goals to Cuesta's one, registering a decisive victory.

"We stepped it to a higher level [in the fourth quarter]," Monarchs Head Coach Bill Krauss said.

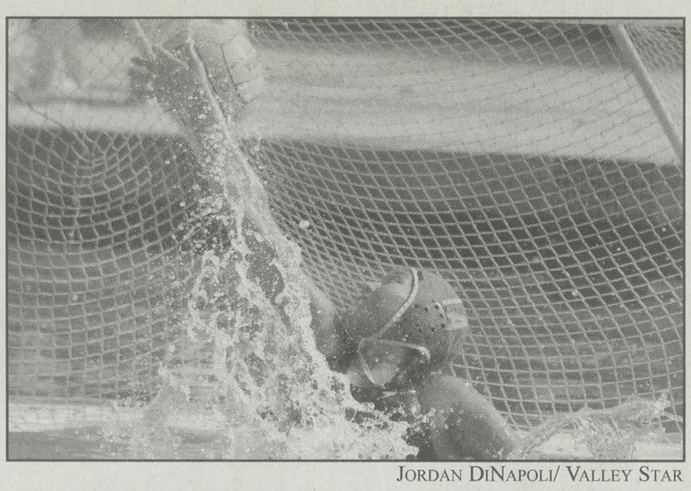
"In the fourth quarter [the Cougars] gave up," said Kristina Garcia, who was an invaluable asset to Valley's defense,

Cuesta coach Pete Schuler said that Valley plays a more "physical game" then his Cougars, which he called more of a swimming team.

The Monarchs' Megan Winchell led Valley with four goals. At one point during the final quarter, she was able to pull away from Cuesta defenders for a clear shot, but decided to pass to a teammate who scored, giving Winchell the assist.

"It's really important to give the ball to your teammates," sophomore Winchell said, citing the need to get more experience for those playing next year.

The Lady Monarchs play Ventura College today at 4 p.m. at Monarch Pool.



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JUST OUT OF REACH - Backup Monarch goalie Ruth Mejia sees some playing time in a 14-7 victory against the Santa Monica Corsairs Oct. 10.

AN OPINION

Queer Eye for the Sports Guy

By Jayson Addcox
Sports Editor

Ed Gray of the Boston Herald announced last month in his sports column that he was gay. He said that he could no longer tolerate the, "unabashed homophobia" in professional sports. He also wrote, "nor should anyone feel a reason why an openly gay athlete should be denied the right to play a team sport without the fear of becoming a target of prejudice or physical harm."

Homosexuality is not accepted in professional sports. No active athlete in professional sports has announced that he is gay. Most athletes probably fear losing their jobs, fan base, and respect of teammates if they announce they're gay. They may also not want to deal with the harsh media and discrimination.

As a former athlete, I recall certain interactions with teammates that were centered on trust. Being naked in the locker room, patting teammates on the backside, towel whipping, wrestling, hazing and other silly pranks are all examples of this sacred bond.

Former Minnesota Vikings defensive tackle Esera Tuaolo announced he was gay after he retired. He said he had to go to strip clubs with teammates and pretend to date women in order to hide his sexuality. "I knew that if my teammates found out I would be totally cut off from any kind of interaction," said Tuaolo.

A player would be ostracized," ex-NFL linebacker Jamir Miller said. "The locker room is a safe place where men can be men." He added, men are constantly undressed in the locker room — May it be the steam room, shower or whirlpool —And an openly gay teammate would cause a riff in the team. "They would be totally cut off, no one wants to think that their teammate is glaring at them," Miller said on ESPN's Out Side the Lines.

Ed Gray did a courageous thing last month, however the reality is that homosexuality is not accepted in the sports community. Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in 1947, becoming the first African American in the Major Leagues. He was segregated in the locker room, booed on the field, and set up to fail. He made it because he was great, although his skin color was dark, fans could not ignore his skill. Homosexuality in sports is up against a similar war, but is America really ready for it?

Dreams of Troy

Jeff Johnson hopes for a successful transition from Monarch to Trojan

By Bob Teichmann
Staff Writer

His first love was a baseball diamond. His second love was a basketball court. His new love is football. For Monarch wide receiver Jeff Johnson, it looks like third time's the charm.

Johnson, a 24-year-old Los Angeles native, is a newcomer to football, having only played for two years. He spent more than 10 years of his life playing baseball.

"In getting to know the guys in the locker room, it surprised me to find out they all played pop-warner football while I played tee ball," Johnson said.

A proper work ethic is critical, according to Johnson, whose inspiration stems from two men who have done a fine job of balancing life in and out of the game.

"I admire how Michael Jordan's mind thinks. To do the things he does on the court takes an awesome brain.

"Jerry Rice believed deeply in himself and knew he could be successful when other people didn't. He backed up the fact that practice makes perfect."

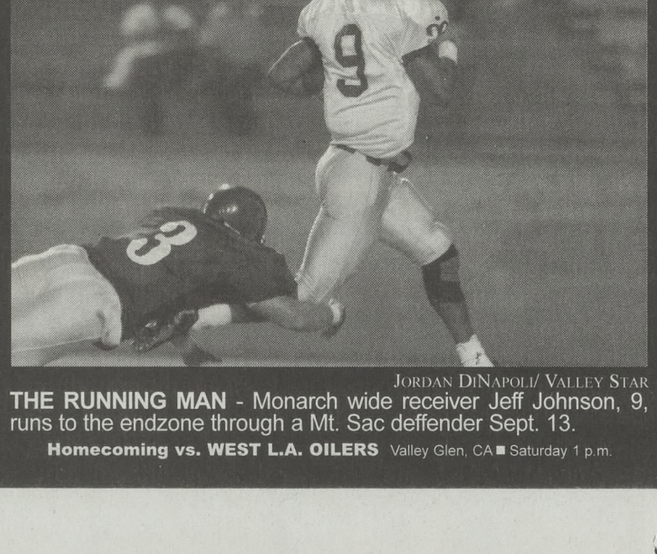
A liberal studies student, Johnson plans to transfer and major in business management at the university level, with his mind set on the University of Southern California. He lived in vicinity of USC for 13 years.

Johnson intends to have a successful career in the near future as a real estate agent, with side work as a personal trainer. If the market improves, he plans on starting his own business.

As many sports enthusiasts do, Johnson believes every major city should have a professional football team. Los Angeles has been without an NFL team since 1994.

"Pro football draws excitement and money into the city. More importantly, it brings people together."

With any luck, Jeff Johnson will do exactly that.



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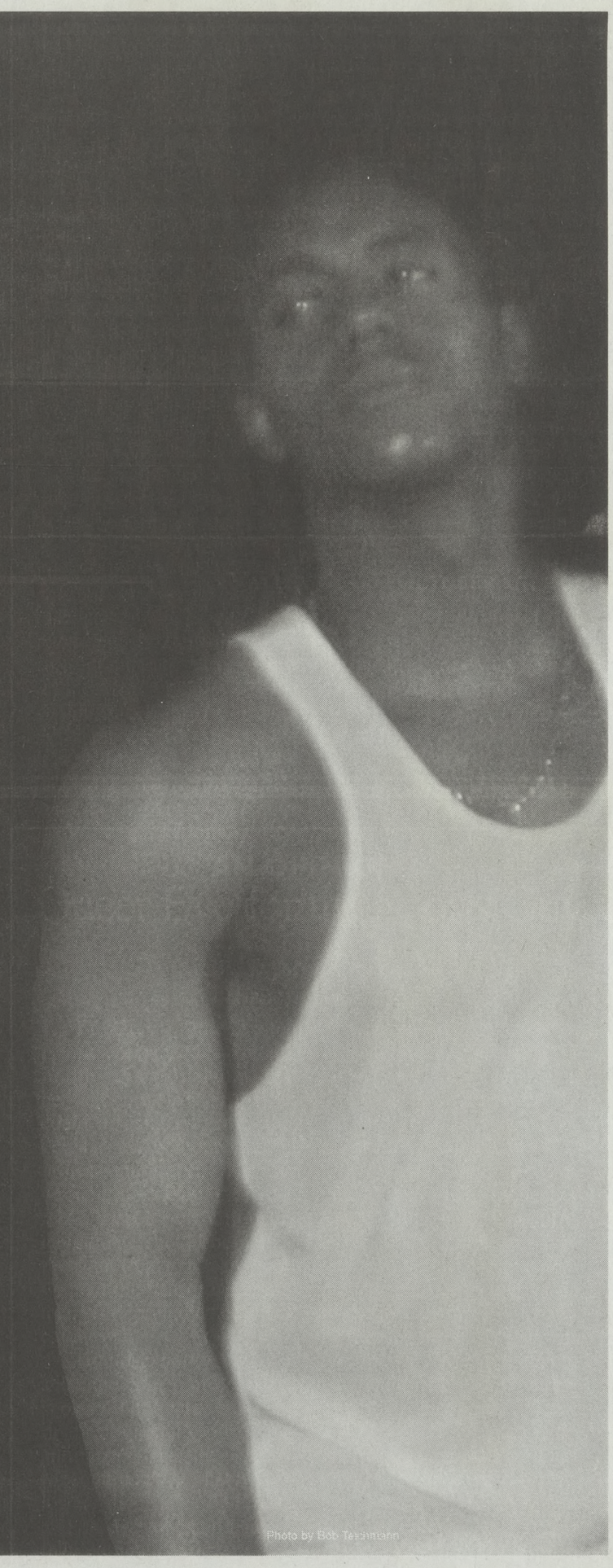
THE RUNNING MAN - Monarch wide receiver Jeff Johnson, 9, runs to the endzone through a Mt. Sac deffender Sept. 13.

Homecoming vs. WEST L.A. OILERS Valley Glen, CA ■ Saturday 1 p.m.



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Gallery

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SCREAMING GOOD FUN - Local youth at the Fiesta de las Americas at MacArthur Park Oct. 11 were the first to test the many rides and multi-cultural attractions offered at the event honoring the closing weekend of Latino Heritage Month.

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MAKING A POINT - Popular KSCA La Nueva 101.9 radio host Renan Almendarez Coello, better known as "El Cucuy de la Mañana," speaks to a crowd in Hollywood for the closing ceremonies of Latino Heritage Month Oct. 12. Coello's show is syndicated in several major cities including Las Vegas and New York City, and draws twice as many listeners as Howard Stern.

La Fiesta para La Gente

By Bob Teichmann
Staff Writer

Paraguay. Argentina. Nicaragua. Peru. El Salvador. Mexico. If you can think of a place with even a hint of Latin heritage, it was represented in full force at the closing weekend of Latino Heritage Month.

Events took place throughout the city to celebrate the closing weekend. At the Fiesta de las Americas at MacArthur Park, street vendors offered anything from fine necklaces to legal advice. Fresh food filled the air from the grills stacked with enchiladas, tortas, y pupusas, just to name a few. And the MacArthur event was capped off with the carnival atmosphere of kids on any number of rides.

Hollywood Boulevard from the Highland and Vine Red Line stations was the site of the official closing ceremonies Sunday with more than 30,000 people in attendance. The event was just as lively as MacArthur Park with rock climbing, springboard jumping, great food, and plenty of giveaways.

Live entertainment and special appearances were the highlights of the event. The Nike Street Team entertained the crowd with demonstrations of freestyle soccer. Many musicians including Graciela Beltran, "La Potranquita" Yolanda Pérez, y Jerry Rivera performed throughout the day.

Popular radio host of KSCA La Nueva 101.9 Reman Almandarez Coello, better known as "El Cucuy de la Mañana," joked with the crowd about how such a large number of people on Hollywood Boulevard wasn't so special, that it was just business as usual.

With an increasing turnout each year, events for the 2004 closing ceremonies are being promised as "larger than this and then some," with an even longer stretch of Hollywood being given a Latin twist.

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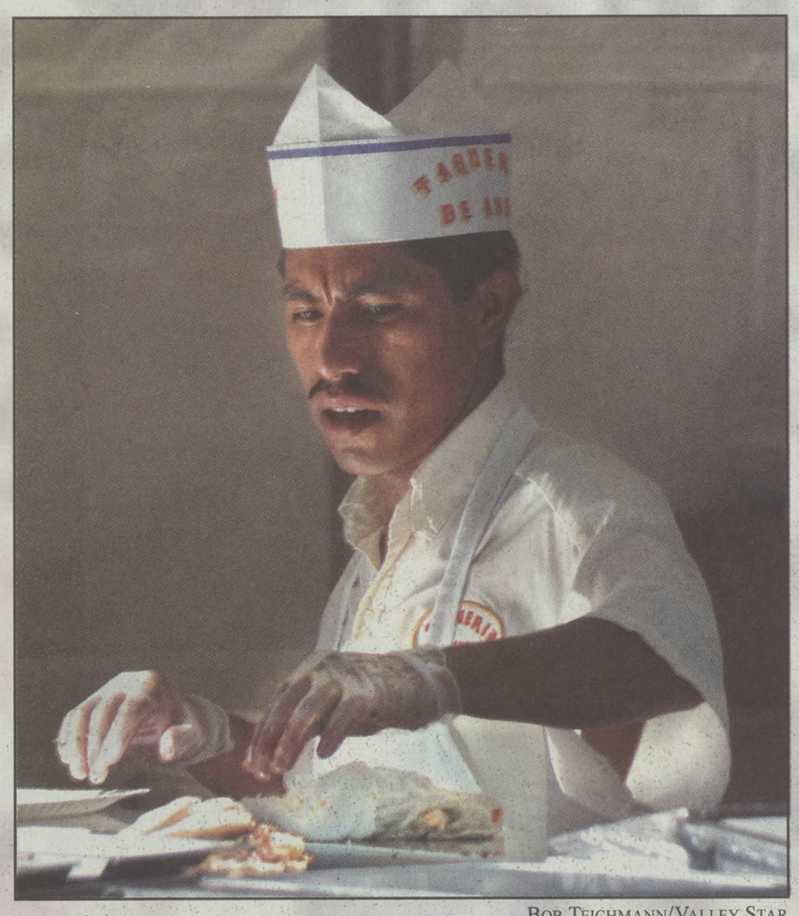
PUTTING ON A SHOW - Los Angeles native Yolanda "La Potranquita" Pérez was one of many musicians performing Oct. 12 for the closing ceremonies of Latino Heritage Month.



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FIRE GRILLED - A chef from La Taqueria de Anda was one of many who prepared fresh-cooked food for streetgoers at closing weekend for Latino Heritage Month Oct. 12.

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WHAT TO BUY... - A shopper tries to figure what necklace she wants to buy at one of the many sales booths at the Fiesta de las Americas Oct. 11 at MacArthur Park.